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MCS designated ‘Exemplary’ School District and more in Sept. ‘In the City’

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. – Murfreesboro City Schools received the designation of ‘Exemplary’ District from the Tennessee Department of Education, the highest distinction school districts can earn in Tennessee. ‘In the City’ takes you to the Aug. 13 School Board meeting for the surprise announcement.

The newest edition of CityTV’s ‘In the City’ is available on YouTube and airing on CityTV through the month of September https://youtu.be/XqEhQUB_iDQ.

Nine Murfreesboro City Schools received the designation of ‘Tennessee Reward Schools,’ the highest distinction schools can earn in the state. TNReady data results indicate the schools are significantly improving student academic achievement.

The September edition of “In the City” also features:

- **MT Boulevard** is celebrated on the MTSU campus Aug. 2, 2019, as Mayor Shane McFarland, U.S. Senator Lamar Alexander, and former Congressman Bart Gordon join MTSU President Dr. Sidney A. McPhee in recognizing the importance of the \$18-million-dollar renovation creating a gateway into the campus <https://youtu.be/ZkilRVBw7hc>.
- The Murfreesboro Police Department’s **Crime Free Multi-Housing Program** is improving safety in apartment complexes near the MTSU campus. Three complexes are the first to become certified in the crime reduction program. Hear more from the manager of College Center, College Pointe and University Center apartments along with MPD Sgt. Harry Haigh about strategies to ensure safety. And learn about MTSU’s vital role in the program through CUSTOMS.
- Founded in 2015, the **Boro Art Crawl** keeps getting bigger and better. The downtown Murfreesboro event attracts visitors for one big art show on the Square every other month. Michael Linn White showcases the art, music and businesses who help make the Boro Art Crawl a cultural fixture. For more information on upcoming dates in October and December or to learn how to showcase art, visit www.BoroArtCrawl.com. Watch the video at <https://youtu.be/thiBtfXtZAA>.

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- The Murfreesboro Solid Waste Department continues to implement new efficiencies to improve **Brush and Limb** collection. Learn about the new approaches from Assistant City Manager Darren Gore, including an online new map showing residents where yard waste is being picked up at www.murfreesborotn.gov Solid Waste/Brush Pickup Map and more. Watch video at <https://youtu.be/0XpQiNcqHSo>.
- See how the Murfreesboro Parks & Recreation Department is enjoying the benefits of the hard work of **Eagle Scout and Gold Award Girl Scout Projects**. Scout Fant Smith describes the importance of his pollination project and Community Services Executive Director Angela Jackson takes you to other sites where scouts have added value to the community with their service projects https://youtu.be/mTrsSk4fJ_E.
- Providing the City with quality drinking water is an ongoing job for employees of the **Stones River Water Treatment Plant**. Plant Manager Alan Cranford discusses the necessary pump upgrades to the raw water intake buildings designed to pump water from the Stones River for treatment https://youtu.be/A_Q9ZOeQ28A.
- And watch Hobgood Elementary assemble for an August 23rd donation from Amazon in support of STEM education <https://youtu.be/xFqfpSqsP0E>.

'In the City' is hosted by multimedia journalist Michael Linn White and produced by Steve Burris every month in the studios located at Murfreesboro City Hall.

The September 2019 episode is airing on CityTV throughout the month or anytime on YouTube and Facebook. The monthly magazine show airs every day at 8:00 a.m., 6:30 p.m., and 10:30 p.m. on Channel 3 and 1094 on Comcast Xfinity Channels 3 and 1094, Channel 99 on AT&T Uverse, Roku, Apple TV via Cablecast Screenweave app, and YouTube.

For all the latest City news, visit www.murfreesborotn.gov or watch the most recent newsbreaks and past episodes of "In the City" on our YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/cityofmurfreesboro> or <https://www.murfreesborotn.gov/videos>.

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1. Michael Linn White, host of CityTV's "In the City," September 2019.jpg.