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### **Renovations to the renamed West View Mini-Park nearing completion** *Gladys Blanton Park Honors Retired School Crossing Guard*

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**MURFREESBORO, Tenn.** – Renovations to the City's previously named West View Mini-Park, located at 111 February Street in Murfreesboro, are taking shape. Gladys Blanton Park will soon have a complete facelift with a new playground, swing, entry way and signage. Gladys Blanton served as a school crossing guard for what was known as the Mother Patrol for 45 years before retiring in 2009 at the age of 88.

The City of Murfreesboro Parks and Recreation Department began construction on the renovated park in August. Renovation of the 1.4 acres in the Franklin Heights-January Street area are adding a small playground, a bike/tricycle/walking path and landscaping to better serve the neighborhood. The project is funded through a Local Parks and Recreation Fund (LPRF) grant provided by the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation.

The Murfreesboro City Council voted in July to rename the park Gladys Blanton Park. The Council committed \$75,000 in funding from the City's Capital Improvement Projects (C.I.P.) to match the \$75,000 awarded by the Tennessee Department of Environmental and Conservation. Total funding for the project is \$150,000. First Place Finish, Inc. was contracted to perform the work after submitting a bid reviewed and recommended by Lose and Associates, Inc.

For more information, contact the Parks & Recreation Department at 615-890-5333.

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**Photos 1-4 by Jim Davis**  
**Photo captions:**

1. *Gladys Blanton Park undergoing renovations with new playground.jpg*
2. *Playground replaces old pavilion that once stood in center of West View Mini Park.jpg*
3. *New entry way to Gladys Blanton Park under construction with new swing that replaces old swing.jpg*
4. *Old swing as it previously looked in previously named West View Mini Park.jpg*
5. *Gladys Blanton.jpg*

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