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Murfreesboro Gateway District featured in February ‘Storytellers’

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. – Former Murfreesboro City Manager Roger Haley and developer Tommy Smith are the featured guests in the February 2016 episode of “Murfreesboro Storytellers.” The topic is the success of the Murfreesboro Gateway Design District, a development along Medical Center Pkwy, initiated under Haley’s leadership.

Roger Haley served as City Manager for the City of Murfreesboro for twenty years, from 1989-2009, before his retirement from the City in 2009. Prior to becoming City Manager, Haley also served two stints as a member of the City Council from 1978 to 1982 and from 1985-1989.

The February 2016 episode can be viewed on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/SGet3M2lQjk>. It can also be seen on CityTV Sunday, 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Monday, 7:30 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday, 9:30 a.m. and Saturday, 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

The interview, hosted by John Hood, features the following topics:

- The concept of the Gateway began with a late-night revelation by then City Manager Roger Haley.
- Haley contacted former Mayor Joe B. Jackson and retired City Attorney Tom Reed for a meeting at a local restaurant where the ideas to formulate the Gateway were sketched-out on a napkin.
- Did you know that the two major factors that spearheaded the development of the Gateway were traffic congestion on Hwy 96 and Hwy 231 and desire for a conference center?
- Tommy Smith discusses the importance of office facilities and corporate headquarters such as the new M-Tek headquarters to the economic development of Murfreesboro.
- Learn more about some upcoming development projects in the Gateway District.

This month’s Storytellers was recorded on location at the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce on Medical Center Pkwy.

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You can watch “Murfreesboro Storytellers” on CityTV (located on Comcast Xfinity Channel 3 and AT&T Uverse channel 99) or view the program online by visiting www.murfreesborotn.gov/storytellers.

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Photos attached:

CityTVs John Hood interviews former City Manager Roger Haley and developer Tommy Smith for the February edition of Storytellers' on City TV.

1. *L/R Roger Haley, Tommy Smith, John Hood.*