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City engages citizens with Downtown Public Chalkboard

Voice opinion on best options with the "I want _____ in my downtown!"

The City of Murfreesboro is giving the general public an opportunity to put their ideas for downtown Murfreesboro on a chalkboard for all to see. The large public engagement chalkboard will be located on the site of the former First United Methodist church property purchased from Franklin Synergy Bank. The bank remains open as it continues to lease the building for headquarter operations while it constructs a new bank building in the Gateway.

Who: City of Murfreesboro and Center for the Arts after-school children will be the first to use the chalkboard to be unveiled Thursday.

What: Center for the Arts children will help kick-off the public chalkboard with a special first-signing event.

When: 4:30 p.m., Thurs., May 12, 2016.

Where: 1 East College
Murfreesboro, TN 37130

The City of Murfreesboro purchased the former First United Methodist Church property from Franklin Synergy Bank for \$1.55 million in order to guide future development and help preserve at least a portion of the historic structure. City staff has solicited advice from several developers to brainstorm potential ideas for the site but no formal bid process has been conducted. A preliminary architectural and structural analysis of the sanctuary must still be developed.

Public comment from the chalkboard and other sources will be utilized to inform the process of how best to preserve the historic structure and location for future development.

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