



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Black History Month, Women's Suffrage, free VITA tax prep 'In the City'**

**MURFREESBORO, Tenn.** – The Murfreesboro Chapter of the NAACP hosted its annual MLK Jr. Breakfast, honoring local heroes; Bradley Academy Museum celebrates Women's Suffrage this month 'In the City.'

The February 2020 edition of CityTV's 'In the City,' your source of what's happening in the City of Murfreesboro, is available on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/5nkofn3WD6U> and airing on CityTV throughout the month.

The February edition of "In the City" features:

- Your local United Way is doing great things to impact financial stability in the community, including VITA, **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance** for low-and-moderate income residents. 'In the City' takes you to the kick-off event as United Way chairman David Urban touts this United Way mission [https://youtu.be/wy1pkfO\\_x1A](https://youtu.be/wy1pkfO_x1A).
- The **Murfreesboro Municipal Airport** received a \$1 million grant from the Tennessee Division of Aeronautics to expand the apron at MTSU's Aerospace airport campus. Airport Manager Chad Gehrke explains the importance of MTSU's program in helping solve the nation's pilot shortage and how the new \$4.5 million airport terminal, currently under construction, will serve as a gateway to the community <https://youtu.be/gQsCGzs0cOE>.
- Murfreesboro Parks & Recreation is rolling out a new environmentally conscious campaign called "**Bring It**" to reduce the use of Styrofoam coffee cups at Parks facilities. Jennifer Joines of the Better Boro Project explains how the new habit of bringing your own coffee cup helps the environment and your health <https://youtu.be/kutlFpmilHU>.
- As Tennessee and the nation celebrates the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of voting rights for women, Bradley Academy Museum sponsored a "**Women's Suffrage** Educational Forum Through Art and Discussion" Jan. 16. Past Murfreesboro Poet Laureate Kory Wells raised the question of whether Tennessee women are living up to the legacy forged a century ago.

- The Murfreesboro Chapter of the NAACP hosted its annual **MLK Jr. Breakfast** on the MTSU campus, honoring the great American leader and local heroes who were recipients of the Jerry Anderson Hero Award and the Humanitarian Award <https://youtu.be/NhJLzNQtbC8>.
- Wilderness Station at Barfield Crescent Park offers many programs for all ages, including a “**Raptor Rhapsody**,” a weekly program to educate residents on birds of prey that make Middle Tennessee home. Watch as Wildlife Specialist Dawn Thomas holds a large hawk and students get up close and personal with wildlife <https://youtu.be/hwqOs8taoAY>.
- Thanks to community generosity, “**Bob the Book Bus**” is now replenished with new books. Beverly Harmon and Barnes & Noble initiated a campaign to collect donated books during the holidays that benefit all children in the community <https://youtu.be/ODtPqt4HRQc>.
- It’s one of Michael Linn White’s annual favorites: a new group of gowns are on display at Oaklands’ annual “**Wedding Dresses Through the Decades**” <https://youtu.be/CJzWEsmBnyg>
- Plus, Rover, the City’s transit system, debuts Saturday service, Fire Station No. 11 is set to open this Spring, and Summer Camps registration begins March 2.

As a reminder, the 2020 U.S. Census is gearing up and notices will go out in March. Learn more by watching this YouTube video <https://youtu.be/2LSRnKR2mVc>.

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

The February 2020 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 also airs on Comcast Xfinity Channels 3 and 1094, Channel 99 on AT&T Uverse, Roku, Apple TV via Cablecast Screenweave app, and YouTube.

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