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### Road Projects, Patterson Park Community Center's new superintendent, and 'True Blue Pioneers' 'In the City'

**MURFREESBORO, Tenn.** – If you're curious about the City's plans for improving traffic flow, don't miss the latest edition of 'In the City.' The March episode highlights a list of federal, state and local road projects underway or scheduled from 2020 to 2023.

A hometown product has been promoted to Superintendent of Patterson Park Community Center. Gernell Jenkins shares her Parks and Recreation background and her heart for the community she calls home. Also, hear from some of the eight African American student-athlete pioneers who helped break barriers at MTSU.

The March 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/YFa6A-fPmWY> and airing on CityTV throughout the month.

The March edition of "In the City" features:

- Some \$250 million dollars in new **Road Projects** are either underway or scheduled over the next three years with federal, state and local funding. City Engineer Chris Griffith outlined the 2020-2023 projects for the City Council [https://youtu.be/-Lr\\_PugF8qw](https://youtu.be/-Lr_PugF8qw).
- MTSU welcomed **True Blue Pioneers** back to campus. The first African American student athletes who broke barriers and left a legacy. Multimedia journalist Michael Linn White has the story [https://youtu.be/JGJcWYL9\\_Po](https://youtu.be/JGJcWYL9_Po).
- Growing up on Castle Street near Patterson Park Community Center, **Gernell Jenkins** has a heart for her community. Jenkins, the new Superintendent at Patterson, shares her educational background and parks experience with "In the City" producer Steve Burris <https://youtu.be/YIIloPA-DQs>.

- Overall Creek Elementary School and the community comes together to bring awareness to a national day of kindness. **‘No Child Eats Alone’** was created by students to stop bullying but also focuses on the emotional and social needs of every child, says Overall Creek Assistant Principal Jenny Ortiz <https://youtu.be/PpkI4akudas>.
- With heavy rainfall, clearing the City’s **Storm Drains** becomes critical to proper storm drainage and preventing street flooding. Watch as the Street Department clears storm drains and learn how citizens can report trouble spots by calling the Street Department at 615-893-4380 <https://youtu.be/kVDq41BhEL0>.
- STEAM is an intentional mindset designed to tie the state’s educational standards to real-life, problem-solving. Bradley Academy Elementary School recently hosted a **‘Book Fair & STEAM Night’** <https://youtu.be/OafFCzzQmrY>.
- Improvisational techniques are used by comedians and actors, but did you know improv can help your communication skills at work and home? **‘Improve with Improv’** is a Parks and Recreational Cultural Arts program coming soon <https://youtu.be/aYEJltglEfA>
- Plus, the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Unity Luncheon honors unsung heroes, Public Service Announcements (PSA) on distracted driving and ‘Listen & Learn,’ and the latest STARS Award winner.

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 March 2020 episode is airing on CityTV throughout the month or anytime on YouTube and Facebook. The magazine show airs every day at 8:00 a.m., 6:30 p.m., and 10:30 p.m. on Channel 3. ‘In the City’ 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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