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A new playground celebrated, Boro Beach opens, and more ‘In the City’

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. – Join Parks, City, and corporate leaders as they celebrate a new playground at Barfield Crescent Park in the August edition of “In the City.” Also, Boro Beach pool opens after an unexpected delay, Mayor McFarland spearheads opposition to a landfill expansion proposal, and the City recognizes a longtime finance director on her retirement after 28 years.

The latest edition of “In the City” is airing on YouTube, CityTV and other platforms this month.

The August episode of ‘In the City’ is available on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/JtbUDeS2eY> and airing on CityTV throughout the month, and featuring:

- A new place for memories is open for play at **Barfield Crescent Park**. Murfreesboro Parks & Recreation received a special playground from the BlueCross Foundation. Councilmen Bill Shacklett and Shawn Wright and others cut the ribbon. Scott Wilson of Blue Cross says the health insurance provider hopes to open 17 of the “healthy spaces” across the state <https://youtu.be/UeRsA9vSKgw>
- Great communities are made with great partnerships. St. Clair Street Senior Center and Mid Cumberland **Meals-on-Wheels** partner to provide food and friendship to shut-ins. To volunteer or sign-up for evaluation, call 615-895-1870 <https://youtu.be/gjU2eJ2h2Cw>
- As Murfreesboro and Rutherford County study solid waste solutions for an aging **MiddlePoint landfill**, Mayor Shane McFarland is urging citizens to contact the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) to oppose a proposed landfill expansion. Citizens can email Mike Horsley, Manager, Tennessee Division of Solid Waste Management at Mike.Horsley@tn.gov or call 615-347-0615 <https://youtu.be/5lyUv9Xdg>
- The heat of Summer and swimming pools go together! **Boro Beach** pool welcomed back swimmers after a delay caused by emergency repairs. Aquatics Coordinator Kyle Goss explains the delay and provides scheduling details.

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- Fighting fires requires realistic, hands-on training. Realistic training in donated, abandoned homes allows **Murfreesboro Fire Rescue** to practice with real smoke and high heat using thermal imaging cameras. Multimedia producer Steve Burris takes us inside a smoke-filled house as Capt. Terry Smith stresses the importance of residential-type firefighting <https://youtu.be/eiXjUNKhR8w>
- “In the City” was also there for the opening ceremonies of the **52nd Annual Tennessee Fire Chiefs Association** at Embassy Suites. Watch as Mayor Shane McFarland and Fire Chief Mark Foulks welcomed fire chiefs to Murfreesboro <https://youtu.be/nhIWIKtdRFU>
- Did you know 70 percent of **child safety seats** are installed in vehicles incorrectly? Murfreesboro Police Sgt. Amy Denton says “check-up events” and increasing the number officers certified in child safety seat installation are working to address the problem <https://youtu.be/fsb9McXAa5o>
- Plus, former Finance Director **Melissa Wright** retires after 28 years working for the City. Mayor McFarland celebrated Wright for “always putting the City first” during a reception in the City Council chambers <https://youtu.be/rYzXMxNRvPo>

“In the City” is hosted by Michael Linn White and produced by Steve Burris every month in the studios located at Murfreesboro City Hall.

The August 2021 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, Amazon Fire TV, Apple TV, and YouTube.

For all the latest City news, visit www.murfreesborotn.gov or watch the most recent newsbreaks and past episodes of “In the City” on our YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/cityofmurfreesboro> or <https://www.murfreesborotn.gov/videos>.

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1. *Michael Linn White, host of CityTV's 'In the City,' August 2021.jpg.*