

# COMMEMORATIVE BENCH AND PLANTER DONATION PROGRAM

Murphysboro Main Street, the City of Murphysboro's not-for-profit beautification organization, accepts charitable donations to restore and improve Murphysboro's downtown. Benches and planters make great gifts to both your beneficiary and your beloved city. Best of all, your donation helps support restoration and beautification efforts citywide!

## Park Bench \$2,100

Donations for new or existing park benches are accepted depending upon the location. Whether existing or new, a donor recognition plaque will be installed on the bench, or at the base of the bench, depending on the site conditions.

## **Planters \$2,000**

Donations for new or existing planters are accepted depending upon the location. Whether existing or new, a donor recognition plaque will be installed at the base of the planter, or on a stake within the planter, depending on the site conditions.

#### Seasonal Plants \$500 +

Plantings will be changed seasonally. A stake within the planter will identify the seasonal sponsor.

# **Bench and Planter Donation Program Policy**

(Please read before signing on the reverse)

- 1. This policy is designed to enable residents, civic organizations, and companies to support Murphysboro Main Street through a tax-deductible contribution. Contributions may be acknowledged by a plaque if desired. The plaque is symbolic of the donation and does not entitle the donor to ownership of the particular donated element.
- 2. Donation applications will be due by January 1st for summer installation and May 1st for fall installation. Due to the unpredictability of weather and staffing demands, we cannot guarantee a specific installation date within a given season.
- 3. Complete funding for the donation must be processed before the commencement of any work. The current donation levels are stated herein. These amounts are adjusted periodically.

- 4. A bench/planter donation period will last 12 years. Within this time, Murphysboro Main Street will replace, at no cost to the donor, a bench recognition plaque one time if it is damaged or stolen. The cost of any subsequent replacement plaques will be the financial responsibility of the donor and must be coordinated through Murphysboro Main Street.
- 5. Seasonal plants donations will last one year (spring/fall plantings).
- 6. After 12 years, the donated element will be available for renewal for the cost of a new donation with the first right of refusal given to the original donor. If the original donor opts not to renew, the donated element and plaque may be removed or rededicated at any time.
- 7. The Murphysboro Main Street retains the right to relocate a donated element and plaque at any time. If an

element needs to be relocated, Murphysboro Main Street will attempt to contact the donor to discuss alternative locations; Murphysboro Main Street will make the final determination.

- 8. For new plantings, the donor may request a specific species and /or planting location, but Murphysboro Main Street will make the final determination.
- 9. The donor may select a bench from the existing undedicated park benches. A new bench may only be installed in a new location with the approval of Murphysboro Main Street. Plaque location (benchmounted or ground-mounted) will be determined by Murphysboro Main Street.
- 10. A maximum of 3 lines of text and 18 characters per line is permitted on the bench-mounted plaque. Text is subject to the approval of Murphysboro Main Street design review staff.
- 11. The recognition plaque is not intended to serve as a memorial marker; birth and/or death dates are not permitted. Messages should be simple statements recalling the event or person(s) recognized.
- 12. No logos of any kind are permitted on plaques.
- 13. Only bench donations and planters/seasonal plantings are covered by this policy. A donor requesting any other donation, dedication, or memorial must apply to Murphysboro Main Street.
- 13. If interested in a planter donation, please contact murphysboromainst@gmail.com for more information.
- 14. This policy does not supersede the regulations or ordinances of any City of Murphysboro regulating authority.

-End of Policy-



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NAME	
ADDRESS	
CITYSTATE/ZIP	
EMAIL	PHONE
COPY FOR PLAQUE ( 18 CHARACTERS PER LINE; 3 LINES MAXIMUM )	
PLANTER @ \$2,100	
BENCH @ \$2,000	
SEASONAL PLANTING @ \$500 +	