

## **2021 ACCOMPLISHMENTS & ACTIVITIES....**

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**JANUARY:** Made Their Mark. Continued the distribution of the coloring book *Coloring JOMO: Women Who Made Their Mark*

**FEBRUARY:** Facilitated architectural salvage of 111 South Moffet, The James Lawrence House (circa 1905) due to its fire in December and before its demolition in April. Some items were donated to the Schifferdecker House restoration project.

**MARCH:** Hosted a book signing party at the Thomas Connor Nolan House for Chad Stebbins, author of *Tom Connor: Joplin's Millionaire Zinc King and Joplin's Connor Hotel*. HMP was a guest on Newsmakers TV show filmed at MSSU and aired on KGCS TV and KOAM TV for Women's History Month and the coloring book.

**APRIL:** Submitted a grant request application to the W. R. Corley Memorial Trust for security lights and got denied. **HMP will still research a security lighting program.**

**MAY:** Represented Murphysburg at a Mayoral Proclamation and Awards for Historic Preservation Month.

**JUNE:** Hosted two days of educational tours of Murphysburg for 200 summer school students! Participated in the Trivia Night at the Museum fund raiser. Hosted a neighborhood meeting with Nick Edwards, Joplin City Manager as guest speaker.

**JULY:** Partnered with Freedom of Flight Museum (at Joplin Regional Airport) with the goal of promoting original Murphysburg residents involved in aviation, such as Olivia Bendelari.

**AUGUST:** Hosted a Missouri Bicentennial Celebration Ice Cream Social at the Creative Cottage. Participated in the Connect2Culture's 6th annual Joplin Arts & Cultural Preview! Paula and Mary Anne were guests on Shannon Bruffett's morning radio show at KKOW to promote the Murphysburg Sesquicentennial Celebration.

**SEPTEMBER: Murphysburg Sesquicentennial Celebration . . . Patrick Murphy's Legacy.** Five hundred guests enjoyed the festivities. Installed 15 new boundary signs

**OCTOBER:** Hosted the annual membership appreciation meeting at The Boardroom on October 26th; guest speaker Dr. Chad Stebbins. Commissioned Paula Guiltner to draw Murphysburg illustrated map

**NOVEMBER:** After conducting a genealogical search, HMP was able to turn over 50 handwritten, long-lost, World War 2 letters written to a Joplin family from Private Robert DeVaney in 1945! The story was covered by *The Joplin Globe* for Veterans Day.

**DECEMBER:** Kelly Hallecy, Mary Anne Phillips and Paula Callihan represented HMP at Regina Jennings' "The Joplin Chronicles" book signing/presentation held at the Joplin Public Library. Regina (originally from Joplin) writes historical romance novels and novelettes. Her next book will involve historic Murphysburg stories such as rags-to-riches, the mines, crime, a baby raffle, and more. Learn more at [www.reginajennings.com](http://www.reginajennings.com)

**ONGOING**

- Manage Pinterest, Instagram, Twitter, Facebook, Mail Chimp, and HMP website
- Manage communications - inquiries about houses for sale, Joplin history, media inquiries
- Historical research using Ancestry.com, Find-a-Grave, Newspapers.com, etc.
- Interface with Downtown Joplin Alliance, North Heights Neighborhood, Group, City of Joplin, Joplin Historical Neighborhoods, Inc., and many other community organizations
- Welcomed new Murphysburg homeowners with historical documentation regarding their houses and general HMP membership information