

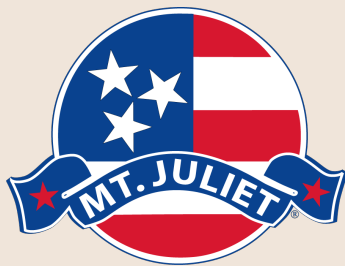
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I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. The Board of Commissioners (BOC) voted to appoint me to chair the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC), so I am excited and look forward to helping continue their mission of promoting healthy lifestyles throughout the city, which also includes applying for grants for sidewalks. Former Commissioner Art Giles, who was instrumental in initiating BPAC, was unanimously voted by the Committee to continue as a member.

The District 2 BOC seat remains empty as we receive and review candidates for the position that will be appointed. The deadline for submissions is December 28. Nominees will be presented by the BOC on January 11.

Business status:

Bubbakoo's Burritos is in the process of getting their business ready, located on NMJRD next to Exxon.

Subway is also in the process of preparing to move into the building next to Bubbakoo's.

Just Love Cafe will be going in next to Exxon on Belinda Pkwy.

Sleep Number will be going in across from Holiday Inn Express.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

1) Poll: Thank you for those who took my poll regarding the Titan Law. So far only 214 people have taken the poll, with the results being 71% support changing the ordinance, 20% against, and 9% had no opinion. Since we have 1,000s of residents in District 4, I would like to get much more feedback. I will be promoting the poll again soon. If you already participated, please tell your friends and neighbors they can find it on my website (JenniferMilele.com).

The Titan Law empowered the governing body of any municipality to opt in/out of extending hours of alcoholic beverages and beer sales. Back in 2001, the city of Mt. Juliet opted out of the extension, meaning you could not buy/sell prior to 12 noon on Sunday. At this point, I am only surveying support for/against because several businesses feel they lose sales on beer since other areas that opted in can sell at 10 am and Lebanon for example opted in and set their own time at 11 am.

2) Purchase Resolutions for two park properties: In November the BOC was informed by the city attorney (as according to state law) that the two pieces of parkland property had to go through the Planning Commission (PC) prior to a BOC vote. The Planning Commission voted to defer, which meant the BOC cannot vote on either property until the PC takes a position,

either positive or negative. The December PC is scheduled for the 17th, and the BOC meeting after that will be on the 28th. *(This actually is confusing since Tate Lane for soccer fields, Clemmons Road for Public Works (PW) expansion, and Lyons property purchase proposal were all voted on and approved by BOC without a PC recommendation).* 1) Tomlinson property is 57 acres (\$975,000) located on north Beckwith Road just south of Lebanon Road and 2) Hayes property is 20 acres (\$925,000) located on SW Cook Rd. just south of Central Pike, west of SMJRD.

3) Welcome nine new firefighters to FDMJ: I had the privilege of meeting eight of the nine new fire fighters last week. They bring a lot of experience with them and will be a great, and much needed, addition. The ninth fire fighter will be joining us next week. Welcome to all and congratulations.

4) Community Christmas Tree Lighting Event: The Christmas season was officially launched with the lighting ceremony that took place Saturday, December 5th at the Town Center Clock Tower. A special thank you to Shiloh Baptist Church who sponsored the event, Needham's Nursery who donated the trees, and Local Joe's who gave out hot chocolate. The winners of the Christmas Holiday Lights contest were announced as well. Please check the city's Facebook page (City of Mt. Juliet) for a list of the locations and be sure to see them for yourselves. They are all very beautiful.

5) Mt. Juliet Christmas Parade: "Hometown Heroes" is the theme for the MJ Christmas parade which is scheduled for this Saturday, December 12th beginning at 11 am. The new route this year will begin at the Mt. Juliet League Fields on Lebanon Road and end at the train station on E. Division. For a list of road closures please see www.mjpdnews.org. Please come participate if you can. The BOC will be in beautiful Ford trucks sponsored by Two Rivers Ford in Providence. I have my candy ready and two young volunteers (Raelyn and Niecy) to help share it with participants.

6) BPAC Christmas Lights Walk: This year's walk will be on December 21 with a rainout date of the 22nd. At our BPAC meeting we voted to hold the walk at Jackson Hills, but since the meeting, there are issues with parking. As soon as I get confirmation I will post updates. The pending times will be 6:00 or 6:30 pm, depending on where we meet. If you can, please plan to join us.

7) MJPD Guardian Shield/Automated License Plate Recognition readers: (ALPR). **November:** 12 stolen vehicles/plates alerted that lead to 14 arrests/apprehensions. All were out of county or out of state.

8) Holiday Inn Express: Donations for Kiwanis and Wilson County Family Resource Center can be dropped off at Holiday Inn Express. Items needed are: canned meats; canned vegetables; canned pasta; juice boxes; fruit cups. As of right now there isn't a cutoff date.

9) Children's Library at Mundy Park: An Eagle Scout project was approved to move forward with placing a free children's library in Mundy Park, which would make a total of three in the city, including Eagle Park and Charlie Daniels Park. These are not city sponsored,

STATUS REPORT: PROJECTS/CONSTRUCTION/DEVELOPMENTS

Public Works: I was scheduled to meet with PW last Thursday to get a status report and continue working on various projects around District 4, but our meeting was postponed for this coming Thursday, December 10.

NMJRD I-40 Widening: The preliminary construction has already begun and is expected to complete in an 18-month timeframe. Road closures are expected (at this point) to be during the nighttime hours. They will be adding a new NB lane and sidewalks. This will be an inconvenient burden on traffic but it is necessary in order to get this project completed. Thank you in advance for your patience as we all move forward together.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETINGS

The next BOC meeting is Monday, December 14, 6:30 pm at City Hall. Prior to the meeting will be a work session to discuss infrastructure and the budget, beginning at 5:15 pm.

The Board has been meeting in person and the public is welcome to come and/or submit comments/questions to Sheila Luckett until 4 pm prior to the meeting at sluckett@mtjuliet-tn.gov. The meeting is also aired live on MJTV (Comcast channel 3 or TDS channel 6) and on the city's website. *(There isn't an agenda yet so I'm not sure what will be on it at this point).*

I care because you matter. therefore I would like to hear from you. If you have any suggestions, ideas, comments, complaints, or just something to share, please let me know. If you would like to sign up for monthly email newsletters, you will find the options to do so on my website. You can also send me your email address and I will add it to the newsletter/updates list. It is an honor to serve you and I look forward to continuing serving you and being your citizen advocate. Thank you very much.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone.

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