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Wow, 2023! I hope everyone has a blessed and prosperous new year. January is National Blood Donor Month, Mental Health Awareness and Poverty Awareness Month. The week of the 18th-25th is Prayer for Christian Unity. It is also Martin Luther King Jr. Day and National Religious Freedom Day on the 16th, Celebration of Life Day on the 22nd, and International Holocaust Remembrance Day on the 27th.

NEW BUSINESSES:

Scooter's Coffee, located at 1526 NMJRD, is now open.

UPCOMING

1) Christmas trees: The City Grapple truck(s) are in the process of picking up Christmas trees during their routes. Zone 8 will start Tuesday, January 3rd, then rotate back around starting with Zone 1, which includes my City District. Please note, only real trees, stripped bare will be picked up. There are also two drop off locations, one in Mundy Park and one in Charlie Daniels Park. If you are not sure which Zone (known as Chipper Service) you are in, you can find the map of your [Zone here](#). To see the drop off areas within the parks, you may [click here](#).

2) Expansion of MJ Urban Growth Boundary (UGB): The city of MJ will hold a public meeting regarding the expansion of its UGB on Wednesday, January 11 from 5-8 pm, at the MJ Community Center in Charlie Daniels Park. The Wilson County (Growth Plan) Coordinating Committee (WCCC) has met several times over the past few months and mutually agreed upon this expansion proposal. To view the map, you may [click here](#).

3) Townhall meeting: At Commissioner Hefner's request, I have rescheduled the townhall meeting for Thursday, January 12th at 6:15 pm. The topic is regarding a mixed-use proposal within the Providence Central development located in the northeastern section of Central Pike and Providence Pkwy. (MJ does not currently have a one of these). Location of the townhall meeting is 201 Belinda Pkwy. (Grace Baptist Church). This project proposal is set for 1st reading at the BOC on January 23rd. If you would like to see the plan location, you may [click here](#).

4) January 19th Planning Commission, 6:30 pm:

- **Smartt property:** (SW Cook Road off Central Pike) Land Use Amendment, Annexation and Rezone for mixed-use development that would include (for sale) 213 townhomes and 180 single-family homes on 110 acres, currently in the county. You may view the proposed plan [here](#).

5) MJPD Headquarters Work Session: The next public work session regarding cost estimates for the new MJPD Headquarters has been scheduled for Monday, January 23rd at 5:15 pm, prior to the regular BOC meeting. If you would like to watch the video from the November work session, you can [click here](#), or to see the PowerPoint presentation, you can find that [here](#).

6) 2023 Daddy Daughter Dance: Tickets for the 2023 Daddy Daughter Dance go on sale beginning January 6th through the MJ Parks & Rec Department. The event is planned for Saturday, February 11th from 6-8 pm. For more information, or to purchase tickets (they sell fast), you can [click here](#) or call (615) 758-6522.

UPDATES

1) Western Connector Public Work Session: Public Works held a public work session to further discuss the Western Connector study on December 6th at the MJ Community Center. Several proposals were presented and you may view all [four pages here](#). The public also had the opportunity to give input during the work session. This project will connect Central Pike (north of I-40) to Lebanon Road.

2) Mt. Juliet sewer bills: There have been concerns recently regarding higher than usual sewer bills. I just wanted to pass along information from the Sewer Department that might help clarify reasons for it. Rates are based on how much water is consumed (entering the residence). There is no way to monitor what leaves the residence, and drains into the sewer system. West Wilson Utility reports consumption to the Sewer Department in four cycles. On your sewer bills, the average of winter usage (lowest) is billed out over the higher consumption (6) months, giving customers a break. To further read the Summer Sprinkling Relief schedule, which is also printed on the sewer bills, you may [click here](#).

3) Dirt bikes & skateboards: There has been an issue with kids riding their dirt bikes and skateboards on the new pickle ball and tennis courts in Mundy Park. If you see anyone or happen to have any information, please call MJPD at (615) 754-2550. We want to be sure our new courts are protected and will last for many years for the benefit of all residents.

4) Mundy Park Walking Trail (repeat/update): The three-basket putting green for disc golf has been installed. The walking trail remains closed as the detention pond project finishes up.

5) MJPD Guardian Shield/Automated License Plate Recognition readers: (ALPR). December: 6 stolen vehicles/plates/wanted persons alerted that lead to 7 arrests/apprehensions. All but two, were from out of county or out of state.

6) MJ City sales tax revenues: Revenues from city sales tax continue to stay above average by 7.45% over December 2021. Keep shopping local and you help fund MJPD, FDMJ, road improvements/projects, and much more. Keep it local.

STATUS REPORT: PROJECTS/CONSTRUCTION/DEVELOPMENTS

([Note: updated information since last month is in color.](#))

Three-way stop Providence Trail/S. Rutland Road: There will be a three-way stop intersection coming soon at Providence Trail and S. Rutland Road to be constructed by the Waterford Park development. If you see the stakes, that is what they are for. I do not have a timeline as of yet, but if you would like to see a rendering (although not final) with added turn lanes, you can [click here](#).

(NEW) Adams Lane: Construction for the new Adams Lane rerouting, including a second left turn lane, is estimated to be completed by early spring '23, depending on weather. The second turn lane will be at the intersection of Adams Lane/SMJRD (facing WB next to Waffle House).

Beckwith Road: This area of Beckwith Road is between I-40 and south to the four-way intersection at S. Rutland Road/Posey Hill Drive. Widening is on the city's radar, however, it is likely to happen sooner from potential future developments. The city project would likely take around eight years and cost around \$23.2M. There are plans to apply for grant funding to cover 80% of the construction costs. Currently all pre-construction phases are being funded by the city. [In process of developing a contract with engineering firm.](#)

SMJRD widening: ROW plans [are finalized](#), with ROW acquisition anticipated to begin this winter. Field work has begun for a survey, with ongoing environmental phase, final design, and engineering. This TDOT project is 70% complete with preconstruction activity. The BOC approved a Resolution amending the initial agreement with TDOT to add ROW and construction, to be paid for by TDOT. ROW acquisition and utility relocation will take three years to complete.

I-40/Central Pike Interchange: TDOT phase is in surveying, environmental, and preliminary design and engineering. Project is 30% complete with preconstruction activity. It is expected to coincide with the Western Connector which is a five-year project. [Our City Manager has reached out to our State and US elected officials to schedule a meeting with Gov. Lee to express the urgency for this interchange.](#)

Central Pike widening: This TDOT widening project to 5 lanes extends from SMJRD to Old Hickory Blvd., and currently TDOT has finalized and approved the transportation report. The planning document is underway. The city is attempting to get Phase 1 funded for NEPA and preliminary engineering. Phase 1 is between I-40 and SMJRD. Project is 5% complete with preconstruction activity. The Providence Central development will be responsible for widening a portion of Central Pike with turn lanes at Providence Pkwy. which is underway and should be completed soon.

FDMJ north firehall: Still under construction, however, it is hopeful they can take occupancy [by the end of February/first of March.](#)

The location is next to Green Hill High School and is 90% complete with construction.

MJPD new headquarters: Please see notes above under [Upcoming](#).

Cedar Creek Greenway Phase 1 & 2: [Phase 1, about a mile, is open to the public and is beautiful.](#) The 10-foot wide greenway extends from Charlie Daniels Park to Golden Bear Gateway and connects to Park Glen and Tuscan Gardens. If you would like to see a map, including a Phase 2 grant the city/BPAC is applying for, you can [click here](#).

Town Center Trail Connector: This greenway extension will run along S. Greenhill Road from W. Wilson Blvd. to Town Center Trail on W. Division. Project is 5% complete with construction activity. This project will be constructed along with the S. Greenhill Road roundabout.

Town Center Trail Phase 3: Design for the 3rd Phase of the TCT has begun that will extend from S. Greenhill Road to Mt. Juliet Elementary School. The project was approved for a federal grant that covers 80% of design, ROW, and construction. The survey has been completed and currently performing NEPA studies along with preliminary engineering. Project is 5% complete with preconstruction activity.

Hamilton-Denson Park: The specs of the restrooms (Phase 2) are being prepared to be sent out for bid. [Located on the south end of Tate Lane \(off W. Division\), the project is 95% complete with construction.](#) A Ribbon Cutting for the practice fields is planned for Spring '23.

Lebanon Road sidewalks Phases 2 & 3: Currently, Phase 2 is finalizing construction bid documents and is 95% complete with preconstruction activity. Construction is expected to begin this [spring](#). This includes both sides of Lebanon Road from NMJRD to Park Glen, including a portion of Park Glen. Phase 3 will be between Nonaville Road and Green Hill High School and is 70% complete with preconstruction activity and in final design. Environmental (NEPA) was approved. Construction is expected in 2023.

MJRD Phase 2 ADA upgrades: This project will be upgrading ADA requirements on MJRD sidewalks between Weston Drive and OLDRD. It is currently 20% complete with preconstruction activity. The consultant is working on NEPA studies and preliminary design. The survey has been completed.

Signal improvements Phases 2 & 3: Traffic signals along MJRD between Central Pike and Division will be undergoing improvements in Phase 2. The project is 95% complete with preconstruction activity and [waiting on TDOT approval on construction documents](#). Construction is expected to begin early winter, and will include installing fiber optic communication between each of the 13 signals that will connect to City Hall. The project will take about 18 months to complete. Phase 3 is 5% complete with preconstruction activity, which will extend from Curd Road to Lebanon Road, covering

six signals. This project has the consultant performing data collection and NEPA documentation.

Traffic signal on Providence Pkwy.: Most of the hardware for the signal cabinet has arrived, and the project will resume the second week of January. This traffic signal on Providence Pkwy. will be located between Kroger and Providence Commons.

Traffic signal at NMJRD/Curd Road: Design has been finalized. ROW acquisitions will follow. Coordination is underway with the federal post office on options to close their northern driveway and provide a new exit on Curd Road. Project is 95% complete with preconstruction activity, but has been paused due to potential redevelopment in this area.

Traffic signal on GBG and Volunteer Blvd.: This signal project on Golden Bear Gateway is 95% complete with preconstruction activity and in final design stage, awaiting final approval from TDOT to approve bid documents. Construction is set to begin this winter.

S. Greenhill Road roundabout: Construction should begin in January. An estimated timeline would be 15-18 months (spring '24) to complete. If you would like to see a map of the final layout, you can [click here](#).

Old Lebanon Dirt Road widening: Currently in process of appraisals for ROW acquisition and utility coordination. Along with this project will be sewer expansion and flood mitigation. The City's sewer consultant is currently preparing design and drainage plans. Project is 80% complete with preconstruction activity.

Lebanon Road widening (Park Glen to GBG): Currently this TDOT project is in preliminary design and finalizing environmental documents with TDOT. ROW plans are being finalized, and project is 50% complete with preconstruction activity. Once the NEPA (environmental) is approved, the project will be eligible for ROW funding in next year's TDOT budget. TDOT did not approve any additional funding in their recent budget.

Pleasant Grove Road widening and realignment: Design alternatives were introduced at the recent public work session. The widening will be a 4-lane median divided roadway from Old Pleasant Grove Road to Central Pike with multi-use paths on each side. Project is 10% complete with preconstruction activity. In addition, the developer of Village at Pleasant Grove has agreed to improvements at Central Pike/Pleasant Grove Road. There will be a signal here as well. If you would like to see the PowerPoint presentation from the Work Session, you may find it [here](#).

Golden Bear Gateway widening: The widening on GBG between the Cedar Creek bridge and Palermo/Curd Road is 75% complete with preconstruction activity. ROW plans are finalized and ROW acquisition is expected in early spring.

E. Division Street widening: The BOC just approved an agreement with consultant to begin planning and design

phases. [Survey and preliminary engineering phases will begin soon.](#) The BOC previously approved an updated agreement with TDOT for this project to include a 4-lane median divided roadway with multi-use paths on each side, from NMJRD to just east of GBG. Development funding toward this project is at \$8M from Amazon and Project Jolene (GBG).

Western Connector: [Please see notice above under Updates. Project is 10% complete with preconstruction phases.](#)

Sewer upgrade projects: There are/will be maintenance and upgrade projects being performed on sewer lines around the city.

- Belinda City lateral lining project. They are working in different areas off of Belinda Pkwy. and project is 75% complete with construction. [Manhole rehabilitation will start in January.](#)
- Stoner Creek Interceptor Upsizing project should begin construction [in January.](#)
- [Timber Trail Pump Station Rehab project is 10% complete with construction. Contractor waiting on delivery of materials to begin.](#)
- Old Lebanon Dirt Road (OLDRD) West Pocket Plan project is [100% complete with preconstruction activity, which will install sewer along OLDRD and Page Drive. Design phase is complete and ROW acquisition is being finalized.](#) Construction will coincide with the widening project.
- John Wright Pocket Plan project was [opened for bidding](#) that will install a sewer force main extension along John Wright Road. [Working with low bidder on contract approval.](#)

Project note: If there is a project you are interested in and don't see it listed, you may contact me and I will get you the information, or you can find any of these and many others on the [Capital Projects Selector](#) or [Development Tracker](#) on the city website. To save you the time and effort, I provide a list of various updates for your convenience. The information listed above is reflected on the city website and is updated each month.

MJ BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETINGS

The next MJ BOC meeting will be Monday, January 9th at 6:30 pm at City Hall.

NOTE: The public is welcome to come and speak 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 as well as YouTube. It is too early for agendas, therefore look for notices prior to each BOC meeting.

If you have any questions, suggestions, ideas, comments, complaints, or just something to share, please let me know. If you would like to sign up for my 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 serving you and being your citizen advocate.

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