

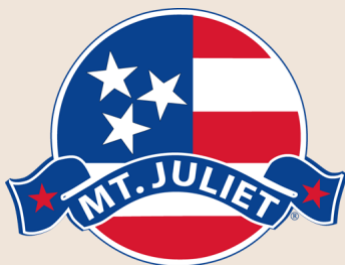
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Spring is officially here. Chickadees have been trying to take over the bluebird house so I bought a chickadee house. We finally spotted the bluebirds and they are nest building in their house. Good Friday is April 7th with Easter Sunday on April 9th. Remember Tax Day is April 18th, and April 30th is Adopt a Shelter Pet Day. April is also Child Abuse Awareness Month and Donate Life Awareness Month.

NEW BUSINESSES:

Arby's, on NMJRD, is in the process of remodeling and does plan to reopen soon.

Chipotle has submitted plans for a second location at 11381 Lebanon Road, with an estimated opening in the fall of 2024.

Keke's Breakfast Cafe has submitted plans to be located next to Chipotle on Lebanon Road.

Leon's Famous Deli will be coming to Charlie's Place (next to RR). An opening of late summer or early fall is expected.

Maniac's Restaurant will be coming to Charlie's Place (next to RR). Opening is expected this fall.

The Peach Cobbler Factory will be coming to Charlie's Place (next to RR). Opening is expected this fall.

Truleigh Scrumptious Sweet Cafe plans to open April 11th and is located in Charlie's Place at 2232 NMJRD next to the RR tracks.

Andrews Cadillac will have their Ribbon Cutting to celebrate their opening on Tuesday, April 4th at 1 pm. All are welcome.

UPCOMING

1) Walk Across Wilson (repeat): Walk Across Wilson began on March 19th and will end on April 15th. *It is not too late to register and log your daily minutes. If you still would like to participate, you may [click here](#) to register and log your minutes. It is not necessary to sign into Goggle.* On the last day, April 15th beginning at 8 am, all participants are encouraged to attend the American Heart Association Wilson County Heart Walk at the Nashville Superspeedway located at 4847-F McCrary Road in Lebanon. There will be heart health education, activities, a walk, and an opportunity to earn 180 minutes of extra credit.

2) 13th Annual American Legion tree sale: If you would like to order trees for your yard and benefit the Tyler Cates American Legion Post 281, you can [click here](#) to access the order form. April 12th is the deadline to order and pick up is on April 22nd. All details are on the form.

3) MJ Senior Center reverse raffle (repeat): On Saturday, April 22nd, the MJ Senior Center will hold this year's reverse raffle fundraiser beginning at 5:30 pm. Seating is limited to 75, and the grand prize is \$5,000. Meals, that begin at 4 pm, must be reserved by April 17th by calling 615-758-9114. Tickets are \$50

each and can be purchased at the Senior Center located at 2034 NMJRD. The event is sponsored by the Exchange Club of West Wilson County.

4) Concert & Craft Fair: On Saturday, April 29th from 11 am - 6 pm, MJ Craft & Vendor Fair will host this year's Restock Santa's Workshop, a benefit for Give A Little Christmas charity. There will be live music, plenty of vendors, food trucks, kids' activities, and more. New, unwrapped toys for donation are requested. The event is sponsored by Shiloh Music Center and Life Between the Lakes Magazine, and will be located in the MJ Community Center in Charlie Daniels Park.

5) Next Steps Walk for Life Event: This is a family-friendly opportunity to help the Pregnancy Care Center (4989 Lebanon Road) raise support and awareness. The two-mile walk is at Charlie Daniels Park on Saturday, April 29th from 9 am - 12 pm. Check in begins at 8:45 am at Pavilion #3. You can [register online here](#).

6) Providence Spring Carnival: On Saturday, April 29th from 9 am - 12 pm, Providence Marketplace is having a Spring Carnival in Cinema Circle (in front of Regal). Bring the family for a day of fun. There will be train rides, games, putt-putt golf, and more.

7) National Small Business Week: Please continue supporting our small businesses and in case you did not know, NSBW is April 30 - May 6th.

8) Spring Community Yard Sale: On Saturday, May 6th, MJ Parks will host this year's Community Yard Sale in Charlie Daniels Park from 8 am - 1 pm. If you would like to reserve a vendor spot for \$20, you can [click here](#). You will need to set up an account, then look for the event. If the event is not listed, keep checking back, it will be listed after Easter.

9) BPAC (Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee) (repeat/update):

- [First Monday Dinner Walks](#) will resume beginning Monday, April 3rd. These walks are held April-September each year on the first Monday of each month. We meet at MJ City Hall at 6 pm and walk to a designated location for dinner and then walk back. All are welcome.
- [Ride Mt. Juliet](#) is scheduled for Sunday, May 7th from 2-4 pm at the MJPD Headquarters on Charlie Daniels Pkwy. We will ride bicycles (or walk) on a 5-6 mile route using the new Cedar Creek Greenway. More details to follow. Rainout date is May 21st.
- The [BPAC/Veloteers/Biker's Choice community bicycle rides](#) will resume in May beginning Monday, May 1st. The rides depart Charlie Daniels Park at 6:30 pm and are open to the community. It is a 15- to 20-mile loop and takes place every Monday thru August. **All skilled cyclists are welcome.**

10) Voices 4 Veterans 2nd Annual Pick'n in the Park: On Saturday, May 20th, bring the family to Charlie Daniels Park from 1-5 pm for live music, a crawfish/shrimp boil, food trucks, auctions, and raffle. This is a free fund-raising event, where 100%

of the proceeds support our nation's Veterans through Operation Song Alumni. Bring your chairs and look for updates to come on Facebook by [clicking here](#). Operation Song empowers veterans, active-duty military members and their families, to tell their stories through the process of songwriting. Sponsors are Two Rivers Ford, Sellars Funeral Home, Shiloh Music, Wilson Bank & Trust, D&M Supply, Toppers Music, Jack's Guitar Archeology, and Operation Continue Service.

11) Ray Daniel Inaugural Cruise-in Car Show: If you have a classic car you would like to show off at this year's Celebrate MJ event on July 15th, make sure to cruise it in. There is no registration. To see the flyer, you can [click here](#).

UPDATES

1) Costco Wholesale: At 1st reading, the BOC passed the new Costco project plan. It must pass two readings and the second is scheduled for April 24th. They have an estimated opening of May 2024 and would be located within Legacy Pointe on Rutland Drive off Golden Bear. The BOC agreed to and approved the Economic Development Agreement between the City and The Industrial Development Board of the City to pay Costco \$2M per year, over four consecutive years, totaling \$8M. If you would like to read the Ordinance/Agreement between the City and the IBD, and the Capital Grant Agreement between the IBD and Costco, you can [click here](#).

2) Three-way intersection: As you know, the three-way intersection that is coming at Providence Trail and S. Rutland Road has been delayed, waiting for a gas line to be moved. That should be done within the next month, then the construction for the three-way can proceed, which will also include some widening within the easements. In the meantime, Public Works will be installing two additional stop signs to temporarily create a three-way stop in preparation for the actual construction. Please use caution.

3) MJ Senior Center: The BOC voted to approve the MJ Senior Center to utilize half the building of the current MJPD Headquarters once the new headquarters building is complete in two-three years. They will remain a non-profit and have more space for activities. Usage of the other half of the building will be further discussed, but the entire building will be under MJ Parks Department.

4) MJ City newsletter: The BOC voted to establish a MJ City newsletter. Frequency will be on an as needed basis to be determined by the City Manager. Each issue will be posted on social media and the City's [website](#).

5) Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) work session (repeat/update): The BOC held another public work session on [March 27th](#) regarding the proposed boundary expansion of MJ's UGB, which does NOT mean annexation. [The MJ BOC did not reach a mutual agreement](#). At some point in the near future the MJ BOC, along with WC Commissioners, The City of Lebanon, and

the City of Watertown, will all vote on it. Watertown has a proposed expansion to be considered as well.

6) MJPD Guardian Shield/Automated License Plate Recognition readers: (ALPR). *March:* 6 stolen vehicles/plates/wanted persons alerted that lead to 7 arrests/apprehensions. Five vehicles were from out of county.

7) MJ City sales tax revenues: Revenues from city sales tax continue to stay above average by 16.32% over March 2022. 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 at Providence Trail/S. Rutland Road: *Please see the note above under Updates.* This project is a part of the Waterford Park development. If you would like to see a rendering 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 late Spring, depending on weather. The second left turn lane will be at the intersection of Adams Lane/SMJRD (heading NB). *All of these improvements are part of the Providence Central development.*

Beckwith Road: Currently, all pre-construction phases are being funded by the city. The project is in the process of developing a contract with an engineering firm. A consultant for design services has been selected and a scope/contract is expected soon on a BOC agenda for approval. This area of Beckwith Road is between I-40 and south to the four-way intersection at S. Rutland Road/Posey Hill Drive. There are plans to apply for grant funding to cover 80% of the construction costs.

SMJRD widening: ROW plans are finalized, with ROW acquisition anticipated to begin mid-year. Field work has begun for 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. The ROW acquisition and utility relocation phases will take around three years to complete.

I-40/Central Pike Interchange: TDOT phase is in surveying, environmental, preliminary design and engineering. Project is 30% complete with preconstruction activity. The BOC approved a Resolution to put up to \$25M on the table toward the interchange in order expedite it. We are receiving very encouraging feedback from TDOT.

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 complete. The city is attempting to get Phase 1 funded for NEPA and preliminary engineering. Phase 1 is potentially between I-40 and SMJRD. Project is 5% complete with preconstruction activity.

FDMJ north firehall: Still under construction, however, it is hopeful they can take occupancy in [mid-spring](#). The location is next to Green Hill High School and is 95% complete with construction.

FDMJ EMS (ambulance): The new department for a MJ ambulance service is now fully functional.

MJPD new headquarters: It is [hopeful that groundbreaking will take place mid-spring](#). If you would like to see the PowerPoint presentation you may find it [here](#).

Cedar Creek Greenway Phase 2: Phase 2 would connect Charlie Daniels Park to Lebanon Road, and is pending an application request for a grant submission. If you would like to see a map, including the Phase 1 connection to Golden Bear Gateway (GBG), 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 [10%](#) complete with preconstruction activity.

Hamilton-Denson Park: Located on the south end of Tate Lane (off W. Division), the Phase 1 parking lot and practice fields are 95% complete with construction. A Ribbon Cutting for the fields is planned for Spring. Construction bids for the Phase 2 playground and restrooms have been awarded, and will be completed later in the year.

Lebanon Road sidewalks Phases 2 & 3:

- Construction for Phase 2 is expected to begin this spring/summer, and is currently 95% complete with preconstruction activity. Awaiting final approval from TDOT on bid documents. 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.

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 in spring, 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 20% complete with preconstruction activity, which will extend from Curd Road to Lebanon Road, covering six signals. This project is in final design and NEPA finalized.

Traffic signal on Providence Pkwy.: Signals have been installed and will flash for a few days before being fully operational. This traffic signal on Providence Pkwy. is 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 spring/summer.

Traffic signal at E. Division/GBG: Installation for this (Amazon contribution) signal is expected this spring/summer.

S. Greenhill Road roundabout: Construction is underway and 5% complete. An estimated timeline would be 15-18 months 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. The City's sewer consultant is currently preparing design and drainage plans. Project is 90% complete with preconstruction activity.

Lebanon Road slip lane: This project will be a right turn lane onto GBG at the southwest corner of Lebanon Road, that is waiting on the issuance of the grading permit by TDOT. Construction is likely to begin this spring.

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 by TDOT.

Pleasant Grove Road widening and realignment: The BOC did not support the last Resolution for alignments. However, that does not mean the project cannot move forward. It remains a work in progress. 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. To see a map linked to the Resolution, you can [find it here](#).

Golden Bear Gateway widening (Eastern Connector Phase 2):

The widening on GBG between the Cedar Creek bridge and Palermo/Curd Road is 80% complete with preconstruction activity. ROW plans are finalized and ROW acquisition is expected to the BOC in this spring.

E. Division Street widening: The consultant has collected survey data to begin preliminary design, along with environmental technical studies. The project is 5% complete with preconstruction activity, and will include a 4-lane median divided roadway with multi-use paths on each side, from NMJRD to just east of GBG.

Western Connector: The BOC Resolution deciding where the connection will begin and end has been deferred indefinitely. Project is 10% complete with preconstruction activity.

Sunset Drive widening: This project is 70% with preconstruction activity, and in final design.

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.
- Stoner Creek Interceptor Upsizing project is ready to begin construction. Once contractor receives materials, construction will begin.
- Timber Trail Pump Station Rehab project is 10% complete with construction. Once contractor receives materials, construction will 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 is under construction.

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

There will only be one MJ BOC meeting during April, which will be Monday, April 24th at 6:30 pm at City Hall. There will not be a meeting on April 10th, due to lack of quorum.

NOTE: The public is welcome to come and speak and/or submit comments/questions to Sheila Lockett until 4 pm prior to the meeting at slockett@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 the agenda, 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 option to do so on my website, or you can send me your email address and I will add it to the newsletter/updates list.

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