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NEWSLETTER



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Happy fall everyone. Some dates in October are: US Navy Birthday the 13th; National Medical Assistants Day the 23rd; National First Responders Day the 28th; Halloween the 31st; Fire Prevention Week 6-12th; National Voter Education Week 7-11th; National Health Education Week 21-25th; National Red Ribbon Week 23-31st; Adopt a Shelter Dog Month; Fire Prevention Month; and Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

NEW BUSINESSES:

K-Paldo is a new Korean restaurant opening soon at 11219 Lebanon Road.

Event Central LLC is a new event center for any party occasion, located at 8220 Central Pike. For details, you can call 615-394-7048.

Happy Hounds Daycare & Boarding is located at 68 E. Hill Street with a grand opening on October 12th from 12-4 pm.

Emeraude Bakery is coming soon to 9904 Lebanon Road.

Milestone Craft Deli plans to open this fall, to be located at 2015 Golden Bear Gateway.

UPCOMING

1) Blood Drive: The American Red Cross will be hosting a blood drive on Wednesday, October 2nd from 12-6 pm at the MJ Community Center in Charlie Daniels Park. To schedule an appointment, please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code MtJulietCommunity. If you would like to view the flyer, you can [click here](#).

2) Pickleball tournament benefiting MJ Animal Shelter

(repeat/update): MJ Parks is hosting the 2nd Annual CedarStone Bank Pickles for Pups Pickleball Tournament, benefiting the MJ Animal Shelter, on Saturday, October 5th. The tournament will take place in [Mundy Park](#), located at 300 Mundy Memorial Drive. [Deadline for registration is this Thursday](#). Food trucks, music and prizes will be available. To register, you can [click here](#). The MJ Animal Shelter, located at 115 Industrial Drive, has a non-profit 501C.3 called MJ Animal Shelter Volunteer Organization and you can find out more information by [clicking here](#). The funds raised go toward veterinary expenses for animals in their care.

3) MJ Safety Night: On Thursday, October 10th in Charlie Daniels Park, you and your family are invited to a special evening of community, connection, and safety awareness. From 5-6 pm, there will be a Sensory Hour to comfortably engage with our first responders and explore the equipment, followed by Bach to Rock live from 6-9 pm. Volunteer Bank will provide hotdogs, chips, and drinks for the evening. This is a unique opportunity to meet the dedicated first responders who serve our community.

To see the flyer, you can [click here](#). For questions, you may contact Sgt. Kimbrough through [email](#).

4) Love Our City Concert: The Wellness Institute of Nashville is hosting a free concert on Friday, October 11th, featuring country music legends artists Bryan White and Collin Raye with a special guest appearance from Austin Brown. The concert is a special event honoring local police officers, firefighters, first responders, and veterans. Parking in Charlie Daniels Park opens at 4:30 pm with the music starting at 5:30 pm at the amphitheater in the park. Super Talk 99.7 WTN will be on-site with broadcasting, as well as a live auction consisting of guitars and other custom-signed memorabilia. Bring your chairs for an evening of entertainment.

5) MJ Homecoming: Join the community on Saturday, October 12th from 10 am - 6 pm at Circle P Ranch, followed by the Raven's Hollow family-friendly haunted forest. There will be a dinner at noon followed by gospel music at 1 pm. Many activities will be available such as, a veterans' display, hayrides, craft vendors, inflatables, food trucks, door prizes, and more. For more details, you can [click here](#). Circle P Ranch is located at 563 Main Street. All proceeds to benefit the nonprofit Sherry's Hope.

6) CraftFare Before Christmas: On Saturday, October 12th From 10 am - 4 pm, MJ Crafts & Vendor Fair presents CraftFare Before Christmas at Charlie Daniels Park. There will be lots of vendors available, painting, live music and food trucks. Bring the family and help the non-profit toy drive, *Give A Little Christmas*, that brings Christmas gifts to families who need temporary assistance in Wilson County and beyond.

7) Early Voting in Wilson County: Early voting will take place from October 16th - October 31st in Wilson County. The last day to register to vote is October 7th for the November 5th General Election. If you are not already registered, you can [click here](#), or call 615-444-0216 for more information. Please early vote, it matters.

8) Spaghetti Days 2024: This year's Jacque Benton Memorial Spaghetti Days at the MJ Senior Center will be Thursday, October 17th and Friday, October 18th, and is sponsored by the MJ Breakfast Rotary Club. Tickets are \$15 each and can be purchased by calling 615-758-9114, or from the reception desk at the Senior Center, located at 2034 NMJRD. For more details, you can see the advertised flyer by [clicking here](#).

9) October 17th Planning Commission, 6:30 pm: *Note: There are other items submitted as well, and there could be more added before the final deadline. You can watch for the agenda to be posted closer to the meeting date by [clicking here](#).*

- **434 Nonaville Road:** A request for rezone has been submitted for 434 Nonaville Road from RS-40 to CNS on 1.5 acres.
- **FDMJ Station #3:** A Site Plan has been submitted for Station #3 of the FDMJ to be located at 4370 Old Lebanon Dirt Road. To see the plan submitted, you can [click here](#).

- **Beckwith Business Park:** A PUD Amendment/Preliminary Plan has been submitted for Mid Tenn Powersports in Beckwith Business Park located at 5158 Beckwith Road. To see the plan submitted, you can [click here](#).
- **Texas Roadhouse:** Site Plans have been submitted for Texas Roadhouse to be located on Rutland Drive off of Golden Bear Gateway. To see the plan submitted, you can [click here](#).

10) Halloween in the Park: One of MJ's biggest events will be on Saturday, October 19th in Charlie Daniels Park from 11 am - 3 pm. During Halloween in the Park, there will be costume contests, petting zoo, food trucks, hay rides, inflatables, vendors, LOTS of candy, and a haunted surprise. Bring the family for an exciting day of scary fun.

11) FDMJ Groundbreaking: Groundbreaking for the new fire station will be Monday, October 18th at 3 pm. The location of the new station, that will replace the current one on E. Hill Street, will be located at 4370 Old Lebanon Dirt Road. All are welcome to join.

12) MJ Farmers Market: October 26th will be the last day of the season for the MJ Farmer's Market, located in Charlie Daniels Park.

13) 15th Annual Holiday Arts & Crafts Fair: On Saturday, November 2nd from 9 am - 1 pm, Dell Webb Lake Providence is holding their annual arts & crafts fair in the clubhouse, located at 1100 Dell Webb Blvd. (off S. Rutland Road). The event is free and open to the public.

14) MJSAC Indoor Yard Sale: On Saturday, November 9th, the MJ Senior Center will hold their annual Indoor Fall Yard Sale from 8 am - 1 pm at 2034 NMJRD.

15) 12th Annual Home for the Holidays: MJ Parks is hosting the 12th Annual Home for the Holidays on Saturday, November 9th. The free annual event will be from 10 am - 4 pm at the MJ Community Center, located in Charlie Daniels Park. There will be 50+ vendors and food trucks, so bring the family for a magical day of fun. Santa will be there from 11 am - 3 pm offering free photo opportunities. Proceeds help benefit the nonprofit Friends of the Park, that helps fund needs for our city parks, such as a new Funbrella, a new bench, etc.

16) MJ BPAC (Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee): A special BPAC StoryWalk is scheduled for Sunday, November 10th from 2-4 pm in Mundy Park, located at 300 Mundy Memorial Pkwy. Bring the kids and meet under the pavilion. The featured book will be *Sally the Stone and Friends*. **The rainout date is November 17th**. The 4th Annual StoryWalk Week is November 10-16, 2024.

17) 2nd Annual JBHF Pickleball Classic: The Joe Beretta Heart Foundation is holding their 2nd Annual JBHF Pickleball Classic on November 29th & 30th at the Farm Bureau Exposition Center located at 945 E. Baddour Pkwy. in Lebanon. To register for the tournament, you can [click here](#). JBHF provides emergency

housing, emotional support, and stability in crisis for advanced heart failure patients, caregivers, and families.

UPDATES

1) Safe Streets for All survey: Make a difference in how we move forward by participating in our project survey on road safety in Mt Juliet. Your voice is crucial in developing a safety plan that will make a lasting impact on our transportation network. This survey only takes a few minutes. For more information on the City of Mt. Juliet's Safety Action Plan, please visit our [website](#), or to see the flyer with the QR Code, you can [click here](#).

2) Belinda Pkwy. Sidewalk Project Ph2: The MJ BOC approved the grant application to be submitted to TDOT for a TAP Grant that would cover 80% of the construction cost for Phase 2 of the Belinda Pkwy. Sidewalk Project. It would connect the Mundy Park Trailhead on the northside to S. Rutland Road, and complete at the walkway at Providence Church.

3) Buddy Bridge: MJ Parks is working on a Buddy Bridge to be built at the dog park in Will Sellers City Park located on SE Springdale Drive. The purpose of the bridge is to honor our beloved pets who have passed away. The pet owner will place their collar around the railing of the bridge. I do not have a timeline at this point.

4) Ava's Splash Pad: Ava's Splash Pad in Charlie Daniels Park is now closed for the season.

5) Adopt a Shelter Dog Month: If you are considering adopting a dog, October is a good time since October is Adopt a Shelter Dog Month. Please consider the Mt. Juliet Animal Shelter, and in addition, look at the [wish list](#) of items that can be donated. Mt. Juliet Animal Shelter, located at 115 Industrial Drive, helps provide homes for abandoned, lost, and stray animals that are in their care, as well as educate the community in humane treatment of animals, and maintain a low euthanasia facility. To find out more, you can [click here](#).

6) Remaining MJ BOC meetings in 2024: There are only three meetings remaining in 2024: October 28th, November 25th (including the swearing in ceremonies for the newly elected officials of Districts 1, 3, and city mayor); and December 9th.

STATUS REPORT: PROJECTS/CONSTRUCTION/DEVELOPMENTS

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

Three-way stop at Providence Trail/S. Rutland Road: The remaining two stop signs are dependent upon whether or not the traffic study warrants them, which will be taken again at the 100th CO of Waterford Park. **The two additional stop signs will not be installed until they are warranted by a traffic study.**

Beckwith Road: The consultant is currently working on preliminary design for the full corridor. In addition, design for the quick start project at the four-way intersection to make

temporary turn lane improvements is complete. The City has begun ROW acquisition on the quick-start improvements. NEPA studies and planning report are underway. This area of Beckwith Road is between I-40 and south to the four-way intersection at S. Rutland Road/Posey Hill Drive. Currently, all pre-construction phases are being funded by the city and are 20% complete. The City plans to apply for grant funding to cover 80% of the construction costs, when they become available. Construction for the quick-start improvements is targeted for 2025. To see a closeup of the quick start plan, you can [click here](#).

Beckwith Point: The Beckwith Point project on 75 acres between Belinda Pkwy. and I-40, has pulled land disturbance permits to begin construction and they have started laying sewer. It will consist of three distribution warehouses with a road connecting from Beckwith Rd. to Belinda Pkwy., across from Meadowview Drive. Concrete pouring will occur twice a week beginning at 1 am over the next few weeks. The road will have to be completed prior to occupancy. To review the plan, you can [click here](#).

Beckwith Station: Land disturbance permits have been issued for Beckwith Station. This is for a gas station, office, and eatery on the southwest corner of Beckwith Road and Summit Blvd. across from the ER.

SMJRD widening: The MJ BOC approved the consultant contract to start the design process. TDOT ROW is in the early stage of acquisition, and utility relocation coordination. Field work has begun for survey, with ongoing environmental phase, final design, and engineering. This TDOT project is 80% complete with preconstruction activity. The TDOT ROW acquisition and utility relocation phases will take around three years to complete. TDOT announced in December, this project is 100% funded over their 10-year plan. TDOT construction is estimated to align with the interchange project.

I-40/Central Pike Interchange: TDOT phase is in surveying, environmental, engineering, and finalizing design. Project is 50% complete with preconstruction activity. ROW acquisition is set to begin in 2026. TDOT announced in December, this project is 100% funded over their 10-year plan.

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. TDOT has budgeted to begin NEPA and preliminary engineering phases. TDOT construction is estimated to align with the interchange project.

- [Phase 1](#) is between I-40 and SMJRD and is 10% complete with preconstruction activity. A consultant firm was approved by the MJ BOC to begin design for Phase 1. The City funding the engineering/ROW acquisition will likely save many years on the ultimate completion of Phase 1. TDOT announced in December, construction will be 100% funded in their 10-year plan, and they will manage the ROW acquisition.
- The [Phase 2](#) TDOT project will be from I-40 to OHB and is 5% complete with preconstruction activity.

Cedar Creek Greenway Phase 2: Phase 2 will connect Charlie Daniels Park to Lebanon Road and currently, in design. NEPA and preliminary engineering is underway. Project is 20% complete with pre-construction activity. Contractor has begun construction of the parking lot of the trailhead at Park Glen. 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:

- [Phase 3:](#) Design for the 3rd Phase of the TCT has begun that will extend from S. Greenhill Road to Mt. Juliet Elementary School. Currently in final design, and NEPA studies are complete. Project is 60% complete with preconstruction activity.
- [Phase 4:](#) The City received approval from the Nashville and Eastern Railroad Authority (NERA) and RJ Corman for an easement to install a greenway trail in the railroad ROW. This trail will be installed by the Lynwood Station developer from the Train Station east to Clemmons Road. Then, the trail will follow alongside Clemmons Road to the Lynwood Station site. To see a map, you can [click here](#).

Lebanon Road sidewalks Phase 3:

- [Phase 3](#) will be between Nonaville Road and Green Hill High School and is 99% complete with preconstruction activity. ROW, NEPA and final design are complete. Waiting on TDOT fund obligation. Construction is expected to start in 2024.

MJRD ADA upgrades Phase 2: This project will be upgrading ADA requirements on MJRD sidewalks between Weston Drive and OLDRD. It is currently 60% complete with preconstruction activity and in final design. NEPA has been approved by TDOT, and waiting for them to obligate funds for final design.

Woodridge Place sidewalks: Construction of the Phase 2 sidewalks on Woodridge Place connecting to GBG will begin this summer. Completion should be by the end of the year.

Signal improvements Phases 2 & 3:

- Traffic signals along MJRD between Central Pike and Division will be undergoing improvements in [Phase 2](#). [The City received authorization to begin construction. Bidding is expected in October with construction following in November](#), with a fall 2025 completion. Project includes installing fiber optic communication between each of the 13 signals (Central Pike to Division) that will connect to City Hall. The project is 100% complete with preconstruction activity, and will take about 18 months to complete.
- [Phase 3](#) is in final design, which will extend from Curd Road to Lebanon Road, covering six signals. This project is 75% complete with preconstruction activity, and in final design. NEPA was approved. Phase 3 is estimated to begin construction in fall 2025.

Traffic signal at NMJRD and Curd Road: The signal project is 80% complete with preconstruction activity, which will include some widening. Design is complete and currently acquiring ROW and utility coordination.

Traffic signal on GBG and Volunteer Blvd.: The contractor has installed conduit, wiring, and pole foundations. Project is 50% complete with construction, and is expected to be completed in December.

Traffic signal at W. Division/S. Greenhill Road: Signal is being upgraded to steel poles and mast arms with signal equipment and railroad safety components. Project is 50% complete. Currently, the contractor has installed conduit, wiring, and pole foundations. Estimated completion is by the end of 2024.

GBG/Beckwith Road Interchange Lighting: Contract between MJ City/TDOT to improve lighting at the interchange was finalized and TDOT has begun design. Project is 15% complete with preconstruction activity.

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. The City has closed on 75% of the tracts. Estimated construction is fall 2025, depending on utility relocation, and take about two years to complete.

Lebanon Road widening (Park Glen to GBG): Project is 50% complete with preconstruction activity, waiting for TDOT to fund the ROW phase. The City has applied for the Statewide Partnership Program and allocated \$3 million toward the ROW Phase to get TDOT to fund the remaining cost for ROW. Total cost for ROW is estimated around \$15 million. In the TDOT announcement in December, this project was not included in their funding plan. We do not know, or understand the reasons.

Pleasant Grove Road widening and realignment: 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 20% complete with preconstruction activity, and performing preliminary design and NEPA phases. A new consultant has been approved and hired. The ROW design is estimated to be complete by July 2025. To see a map, 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. Utility relocation and ROW acquisition have begun. Construction is estimated to begin during 2026.

E. Division Street widening: The consultant, along with performing environmental technical studies, has collected the survey data and traffic data, and is currently developing the planning report for the whole corridor, which determines what the roadway typical section needs to be based on future traffic projections. In addition, they are currently designing a quick

start project at the intersection of NMJRD and E. Division Street, which includes turn lane improvements. The project is 20% 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.

Sunset Drive widening: This project is 75% with preconstruction activity, and working with utilities on relocation. Design is complete.

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: **Phases 3&4** has an expected **October/November** completion. It is preparing to cross Old Lebanon Dirt Road (OLDRD). **Phase 5 received the start notice and is expected to begin in January.**
- 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.
- EQ Basin on OLDRD will be the biggest sewer project the city has seen since the late 70s/early 80s. Currently, this project is preparing for construction bidding.
- City-wide sewer manhole rehabilitation is underway and ongoing.

Project note: To save you the time and effort, I provide a list of various updates for your convenience. The information listed is reflected on the city website and is updated each month, as referenced here [Capital Projects Selector](#) and [Development Tracker](#).

MJ BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETINGS

There will only be one MJ BOC meeting in October, which will be on Monday, October 28th at 6:30 pm at MJ City Hall.

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 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 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. It is an honor serving you and being your citizen advocate.

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