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NEWSLETTER



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After two surgeries myself, my husband just had hip replacement surgery this past week. This winter is full of surgeries and therapies, so we are glad to see the bluebirds out scouting. Daylight Savings Time is Sunday, March 9th when you set your clocks ahead one hour. Happy March birthday to my awesome husband, Pete. You are the best! Dates in March are; National Anthem Day the 3rd, National K9 Veterans Day the 13th, Freedom of Information Day the 16th, St. Patrick's Day the 17th, first day of Spring the 20th, and March 29th is National Vietnam War Veterans Day and Mom & Pop Business Owners Day. March is also National Women's History Month, Red Cross Month, and for sports fans, March Madness.

NEW BUSINESSES:

Domino's Pizza is now open at 673 SMJRD in Providence Commons.

Chipotle is now open, located at 11381 Lebanon Road.

Salvo's Pizza is now open, located at 12800 Lebanon Road.

Tim Hortons is now open at 2001 Golden Bear Gateway next to Jackson Hills.

UPCOMING

1) Tornado Remembrance Ceremony: On Monday, March 3rd at 9 am, we will hold a small ceremony to reflect and honor the lives lost in 2020. We will meet at the vintage truck display and memorial marker to the left of West Wilson Middle School.

2) Senior Center indoor yard sale: On Saturday, March 8th, the MJ Senior Center will hold their Indoor Yard Sale from 8 am - 1 pm. There will be a chili lunch available for purchase beginning at 10:30 am. If you would like to see the flyer, you can [click here](#).

3) Daylights Savings Time: Remember to spring forward on Sunday, March 9th for Daylights Savings Time.

4) City public park restrooms: All outdoor park restrooms that were closed for the winter will reopen on Friday, March 10th.

5) March 20th 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](#).*

- **Oakmont/Rezone:** A rezone request has been submitted for 115 Oakmont. To see the map, you can [click here](#).
- **Beckwith Station/Reconsideration:** A Site Plan Reconsideration has been submitted for the Beckwith Station commercial project on Summit Blvd. at Beckwith Road. To see the request submitted, you can [click here](#).

- **Chrisman Property/Consolidation:** A Consolidation Plat has been submitted for consideration of the Chrisman Property on Lebanon Road and Karen Drive. To see the request submitted, you can [click here](#).
- **6235 Central Pike PUD LUA/Rezone/Annex:** A preliminary plan has been submitted for medium density/multi-family residential located at 6235 Central Pike. To see the [revised plan](#), you can [click here](#).
- **Golden Bear Active Adult:** A Final Master Plan was submitted for an active adult housing complex located at 4515 Beckwith Road. To see the plans, you can [click here](#).

6) Walk Across Wilson (repeat/update): Walk Across Wilson begins on March 23rd and will end on April 19th. All you have to do is register and log your daily activity minutes once it goes live. School and community-based teams are also encouraged to participate for bonus rewards. Activities include walking/running or any kind of fitness exercise that gets you moving. WAW is an annual event to promote fitness in Wilson County. The goal is to walk/exercise 30 minutes a day, six days a week, for four weeks, which is the equivalent of walking 36 miles across Wilson County, while improving your health. Follow WAW on Facebook for postings, or [click here](#) for website.

7) MJ Senior Center reverse raffle: On Saturday, April 5th, the MJ Senior Center will hold their reverse raffle fundraiser beginning at 5:30 pm, with the grand prize being \$5,000. Meals served between 4-5 pm, and must be reserved by March 27th by calling 615-758-9114 (No to go orders). 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.

8) Easter in the Park: Easter in the Park is scheduled for Saturday, April 12th in Charlie Daniels Park. In addition, there will be an Easter Bash Jeep Show. Watch for details.

9) EggStra Special Egg Hunt: The EggStra Special Egg Hunt is scheduled for Tuesday, April 15th. This free event is for Wilson County special needs only. Watch for details.

UPDATES

1) MJ Rec/Aquatic Center Committee meeting: The third committee meeting was held on February 28th. We have narrowed down one building blueprint consisting of a basketball gym and a community six-lane pool (inside). We now should be able to get more accurate numbers to present to the BOC. In addition, prior to a BOC vote for the 25/26 budget cycle, the Parks Department and Parks Board will have to submit a budget plan for operations, for future budget cycles. If you would like to view the approved plans moving forward, you can [click here](#).

2) Lebanon Road improvements: Beginning this summer, TDOT is expected to begin safety improvements in front of West Elementary, adding a center turn lane, as well as updating reflective signage. This is not part of the entire widening project,

but to improve safety issues during school pick up and drop off times. Project is expected to complete by August 2026.

3) MJPD Guardian Shield/Automated License Plate Recognition readers: (ALPR). February: 8 stolen vehicles/plates/wanted persons alerted that lead to 10 arrests/apprehensions. All vehicles were from out of county/state.

4) MJ City sales tax revenues: Revenues from city sales tax continue to stay above average by 2.6% over this time last year. Keep shopping local and you help fund MJPD, FDMJ, road improvements/projects, and much more, including keeping property taxes low.

5) MJ 24/25 midyear budget: If you would like to review the midyear fiscal budget report, you can [click here](#).

STATUS REPORT: PROJECTS/CONSTRUCTION/DEVELOPMENTS

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

Belinda City stormwater system: There are three culverts to be upsized/rehabilitation around Belinda City through the Storm Water Utility (SWU) master plan. The MJ BOC just approved the engineering contract.

- Culvert under Belinda Pkwy., as part of the Mundy Park detention pond project, **currently in survey and design.**
- 121 SE Springdale Drive, in planning/design.
- 136 Sunnymead Drive, in planning/design.

Beckwith Road: The consultant is currently working on preliminary design for the full corridor. **NEPA studies are complete, pending approval by TDOT.** This area of Beckwith Road is between I-40 and south to the four-way intersection at S. Rutland Road/Posey Hill Drive. In addition, design for the Quick Start Project at the four-way intersection is complete. **ROW acquisition is complete for the Quick Start Project, and we are waiting for the relocation of utilities.** 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, is under construction. It consists of three distribution warehouses with a road connecting from Beckwith Rd. to Belinda Pkwy., across from Meadowview Drive. 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. **There is a pending reconsideration plan before the Planning Commission.** If you would like to view the layout, you can [click here](#).

FDMJ Station #1 renovations: **Renovations for the fire station on Belinda Pkwy. are in technical review and bids will go out soon,**

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 on the part of the city. The TDOT ROW acquisition and utility relocation phases will take around three years to complete. TDOT announced in December, this project is 100% funded in 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 in their 10-year plan.

Central Pike widening:

This TDOT widening project to five 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. 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 is complete, pending TDOT approval.](#) Project is 20% complete with pre-construction activity. If you would like to see a map of Phases 1&2 with the new trailhead Park Glen, 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 75% 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 construction fund obligation. [Construction is expected to begin this spring/summer.](#)

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 sidewalk project on Woodridge Place is **complete with the exception of the pedestrian bridges**. I do not have a timeline of completion for them. This is a project funded by a developer.

Signal improvements Phases 2 & 3:

- Traffic signals along MJRD between Central Pike and Division will be undergoing improvements in [Phase 2](#). **Construction has begun**, and completion is expected in **2026**. 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 90% complete with preconstruction activity, which will include some widening. Design is complete and currently acquiring ROW and utility coordination. MJ Traffic Coordinator is also working with USPS for needed easements. **Construction plans have been finalized, and acquiring permits from TDOT.**

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 ROW acquisition and utility coordination. Project is 90% complete with preconstruction activity. The City has closed on 77 out of the 90 tracts. Estimated construction is **Spring 2026**, depending on utility relocation, and the project will take about two years to complete. **The primary purpose of this project is safety improvements and not roadway capacity improvements. This widening project seeks to correct these issues and decrease the crash rate along the corridor. The limits of the first phase of the project are from Moreland Drive to Chandler Road. Other components of the project will include providing a 10-foot trail on one side of the road for multimodal transportation options, improving poor drainage and flooding along the corridor, and extending sanitary sewer along a portion of the project. Therefore, this project is a road widening, multimodal, stormwater, and sanitary sewer project all in one.**

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 This project has yet to be included in TDOT's funding plan. [TDOT to begin a safety plan improvement in front of West Elementary to add a center turn lane. Project will begin this summer and complete by August 2026.](#)

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. [NEPA is complete, pending TDOT approval.](#) The ROW design is estimated to be completed mid-year. 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 [90% complete with preconstruction activity. ROW acquisition is complete, and waiting on utility relocation.](#) Construction is estimated to begin during 2026.

E. Division Street widening: [NEPA is complete, pending TDOT approval.](#) In addition, a Quick Start Project is in design for 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.

Weston/Clearview Drives drainage: The planning and design phase has begun to alleviate flooding from an undersized swale/culvert system. This project is part of the Storm Water Utility (SWU) engineering master plan.

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 is ongoing.
- Stoner Creek Interceptor Upsizing project: Sewer work is complete in Phases 3&4, but trail restoration is delayed because of wet weather. It will be sometime in the spring before completion. [Phase 5 sewer work is complete.](#)
- Timber Trail Pump Station Rehab project is [complete.](#)
- Old Lebanon Dirt Road (OLDRD) West Pocket Plan project is installing 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 [complete.](#)
- EQ Basin on OLDRD will be the biggest sewer project the city has seen since the late 70s/early 80s. [The bidding process has opened.](#)

- 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

The MJ BOC meetings in March are the 10th and 24th 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 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. It is an honor serving you and being your citizen advocate.

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