

It's hard to fit everything important that happened in Mt. Juliet in 2012 in one story, but we are going to do our best. Following is the big stories, month by month, that happened in 2012.

January

Cumberland University came east, as they announced, along with UMC, they would be building a complex in Providence called Providence West Medical Center. Along with Cumberland University and UMC, Snodgrass-King Dental and Tennessee Sports Medicine put offices in the complex which is already open.

February

The Wilson County School Board asked for two new schools and two new additions. Watertown High School would get a new building, and Rutland Elementary School would get a school the same size right beside it. They would be able to split their growing school into K-2 and 3-5. West Elementary and West Wilson Middle School also were approved additions. All are under

construction.

March

Del Webb resident Sidney Payne started a petition to get liquor stores on the ballot for November. The measure did make it, and was approved by nearly 80 percent of the voters.

The Wilson Central boys' basketball team earned a trip to the state tournament with a 60-52 win over Brentwood in sectionals. They were ousted in the first round by Science Hill, 51-46.

April

Debra Martin of Mt. Juliet Middle School was named Teacher of the Year at the annual banquet hosted by Cumberland University and sponsored by Cedar Stone Bank and Wilson County Motors.

May

The largest pot growing operation in Mt. Juliet was busted at the home of Stephen Middleton and Susan York. There was over a million dollars worth of marijuana growing at the house.

The several years of road construction on North Mt. Juliet Road came to a close, as the five lane construction that took almost three years wrapped up.

Four city employees resigned and one was terminated after an investigation revealed unauthorized use of city equipment and neglect of duty.

Mt. Juliet High School baseball and softball earned trips to state with wins over Overton. Both teams lost their first two games in the Spring Fling and were eliminated.

June

Mt. Juliet celebrated its 40th anniversary and named the train station N.C. Hibbett Train Station, after the first mayor of the city.

July

Record temperatures hit the area, as middle Tennessee had readings as high as 109 degrees.

After considering other candidates, the Board of Commissioners elected to work out a contract with Interim City Manager Kenny Martin for the City Manager position.

August

Better Bliss Massage in Mt. Juliet was busted for prostitution after a tip led Mt. Juliet Police to the business. The owner, Jie Allen, was indicted on prostitution charges, and her husband, Steve Allen, was arrested because there were several weapons at their home, and he had been convicted of a felony in the past.

September

After a few years of discussion with Wilson County, the Board of Commissioners elected to reestablish the Mt. Juliet Fire Department. A fire station on Belinda Parkway is already under construction.

Wilson County Sheriff Terry Ashe announced he would be stepping down after 30 years as Wilson County Sheriff to take a position as Executive Director of the Tennessee Sheriff's Association. Robert Bryan was elected to replace him by the county commissioners.

October

West Elementary Student Sam McLeod, 9, tragically passed away from a non-contagious form of bacterial meningitis. A tree has been planted at the school in memory of McLeod.

Gretchen L. Crowe, 29, was shot multiple times by Corey Montrell Clemmons, 38, at a residence at 5869 Beckwith Road. Clemmons turned himself in shortly after.

November

Ed Hagerty was re-elected Mayor, Ray Justice was elected to Commissioner Ted Floyd's former seat at District 1 and Art Giles was reelected to District 3 on Election Day. U.S. Senator Bob Corker, U.S. Representative Diane Black and State Representative Susan Lynn also won their races.

Sara A. McPherson, 35, Mt. Juliet, was found shot to death in her car at the U-Store-It Storage Facility on Central Pike. There have been no charges filed in the case.

The Planning Commission approved Providence Central, a new development that is nearly twice the size of Providence. It will be focused on large offices, but there is also some retail, high density living and single family homes involved. There would also be a new Central Pike exit off of I-40 if it is completed.

December

Wilson County Director of Schools Mike Davis resigned his position, and will step down when his contract runs out in June.

A reorganization of employees, and a new position was added at the City Offices. Chief of Police Andy Garrett was named Public Safety Director and Deputy Chief James Hambrick was promoted to the position of Chief of Police.