

June 28, 2024

Hey all,

Here's this week's report.

Blessings and keep the faith.

Bill

### **Board of Mayor and Aldermen (BOMA)**

There were several meetings this week and you can see the entire week's calendar [here](#).

The board and mayor met on Tuesday for the **work session** [agenda video](#), followed by the **board meeting** [agenda video](#). During the work session they talked a lot about funding and the new city hall. Also, on the agenda was a pay raise for aldermen but it was deferred.

**At the board meeting**, Eric Stucky the city administrator reported that we are now down to three police vacancies from 12 and we have 47 applicants for the fire department. Much of the meeting was spent discussing this year's **sanitation deficit of \$2.4m.** and you can watch that from 13:24 to 32:50 in the video. **Ordinance 2024-19 to raise the trash collection from \$23.00 per month to \$31.00 per month** passed 5-4 with Barnhill, Peterson, Bagget, Potts and mayor Moore voting yes.

**On Thursday**, there was a joint meeting of the **planning commission and BOMA** [agenda video](#). On the agenda was **The Mills Creek project**. I don't know much about this, but there were two options for this as I understand them: **Village Green** Which requires green spaces in the development and **Rural Reserve**, which is land reserved to provide long-term protection for agriculture, forestry or important natural landscape features that limit urban development or help define appropriate natural boundaries of urbanization, including plant, fish and wildlife habitat, steep slopes and floodplains. The planning commission voted for Rural Reserve, but BOMA wants village green. There will be a **BOMA meeting on this July 9<sup>th</sup>** at which time the **Mills Creek Basin study** will be released. If you are interested in this project, make plans to attend or watch online.

Also on the agenda was a discussion of the [Galleria Redevelopment](#) and **5G towers** and I am including a guest commentary by **Manju Koster**:

The developer mentioned vibrant neighborhoods, exceptional design, and enhancing quality of life. None of these can be achieved while being blasted with high levels of wireless radiation. Has anyone discussed that there is a cell phone tower in the mall parking lot?

This is not appropriate for a residential setting. The 200-foot setback for cell towers in residential areas does nothing to take into account the high level of wireless radiation emitted from cell phone towers and how it damages resident's health. Infrastructure that emits wireless radiation should not be treated like a typical situation. Due to the health dangers it needs to be considered in all

development in terms of where people will be living. Wireless radiation is a big contributor to diabetes, heart disease, cancer, neurological problems, among other diseases. We are in a health care crisis in America. The detrimental impact of wireless radiation on health must be acknowledged.

See the video below at 1:31 when they bring up the cell towers.

<https://franklintn.portal.civicclerk.com/event/1780/media>.

This discussion was very brief, so they've tabled it for the next JCW on 7/25 at 5:00. Know that these meetings are recorded live so you can always go to the City of Franklin website and check them out. Most of what they talked about was aesthetics, and briefly touched on the potential 1,500-foot setback for schools. You can hear the giggling in the background about the aesthetics.

Although it seems ridiculous to make a cell tower look like a pine tree this is no laughing matter. This is a public health and safety issue. Although they say they can't regulate based on wireless radiation, they don't need to add any existing towers since there's no gap in coverage.

Notice that a couple commented that it seems arbitrary, AKA, not crucial. This only reflects their total lack of awareness that wireless radiation is critical in causing certain diseases and must not be overlooked. Not having a solid code for a setback from schools and residential areas is a huge mistake and endangers the public's health.

If you have questions, please contact me at [manjucarrow@proton.me](mailto:manjucarrow@proton.me).

Please write to them and let them know if you don't want cell towers near our homes or schools.

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**The planning commission** meeting followed directly after the joint meeting [agenda video](#). One item that a lot of people have been concerned about is the Middle 8 PUD. Which is **The Middle Eight PUD Subdivision, Site Plan, developing 6 Single Family Residential Lots, 15 Attached Residential Lots, 222 Multifamily Units, and 3,000 Square Feet Of Commercial Space, On 7.12 Acres, Located At 209 Old Liberty Pike, just south of the Factory** The site plan for this **project passed** with all commissioners voting yes except for Ann Peterson who was a no.

There are no meetings scheduled for next week.

**Williamson County Commission**

There were no meetings this week. [Here](#) is the calendar for the month of July.

I am including a **guest opinion** that I think is worthy of your time. We need to always question what our government is doing, and I think this is very thought provoking. It's quite long but is full of information. **I have attached it.**

### **Williamson County School Board**

There are no board meetings for the **month of July**, however, I am linking some important information:

1. **The Title IX suit** against the Biden administration [Here](#). If you read nothing else, read paragraphs 11, 12, 13. It seems clear to me that the new Final Rule redefines sex as gender which is one's personal choice. Therefore, it allows boys in girls' sports, locker rooms, and bathrooms. I am not a lawyer, but I don't know how else to read this.
2. **AG Skrmetti** on the Supreme court hearing a challenge to our transgender law passed in 2023. [Here](#)
3. **WCS's position on Title IX** is [here](#) and is quite extensive. This past week I emailed Superintendent Golden and school district attorney Danna Ausbrooks asking for clarity on their interpretation of the latest iteration of Final Rules for Title IX. Thus far, I have not heard back. I will report their responses as soon as I get them.

### **Williamson County Election Commission**

Nothing to report other than the commission is sending out new voter registration cards due by July 12<sup>th</sup> which is the first day of early voting for the August 1<sup>st</sup> election. [HERE](#).

I do have two important links for you to read:

1. **United Sovereign Americans** is an organization that is suing states that are not following black letter law with regards to our elections. Believe me, no states are in compliance and [here](#) is an article the explains the latest suit being filed in Pennsylvania. The **Tennessee chapter** is right here in good ole Franklin. If you would like to get involved, they are looking for more volunteers. This is a worthwhile group, and they don't just talk, but get things done. Reply to me or call me at 402-306-1721 and I will get you connected.
2. **How Georgia cheated** in the 2020 election by Liz Harrington [Here](#). This is long, but worth the time.

## **Candidates for the August 1<sup>st</sup> Election**

### **School board election**

All six Republican candidates could use some help.

**The election is on August 1st. and early voting runs from July 12-27.** We need folks who are willing to do the following:

**Knock on doors for the candidates.** Face to face, person to person is very powerful. It lets people know that the election is important and why. It also allows the homeowner to ask questions and get clarification on the issues. As we get schedules from the candidates, we will be sending out **a signup genius for each candidate.**

**Put up yard signs.** First, you can put a yard sign at your home (if you live in an odd district). Secondly, we may have a need for a few of us to put out signs for some of the candidates and finally, you can encourage friends and neighbors who live in an odd district to take a sign.

**Hold signs at voting places.** During early voting and on election day, we need people to hold signs at voting locations. It may be hard to believe, but many people who come to vote don't know much about any of the candidates. At the last election, I was holding a sign for a candidate and several people stopped to ask about her and some of them were very favorable after talking with us.

**Attend and encourage others to attend any event put on by the candidate(s).** Meet and greets, campaign kickoffs, debates and forums are great places for potential voters to size up the candidates. The more we get people out to see our candidates the better.

**Talk to people at your church, service organization, Bible study, bridge club etc.** We all need to be talking about the candidates and recruiting everyone we know to get informed and get involved. This is a group effort and we all need to pitch in to ensure that our candidates become school board members and not also rans.

**Write them a check.** Campaigns aren't free. Flyers, yard signs, text messages, videos all cost money.

Here are the candidates:

District 1  
Republican Tony Bostic. [website](#)

District 3  
Republican Dr. Dennis Driggers [website](#)

District 5  
Republican Dr. Margie Johnson. [website](#)

District 7  
Republican Angela Beaton [website](#)

District 9  
Republican Claire Reeves [website](#)

District 11  
Republican Tonja Hibma [website](#)

**District 65 Election**

I am supporting Michelle Foreman and this is her [website](#)

**If not me, who?  
If not now, when?**

***“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen (Heb. 11:1)***