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COUNTY UPDATE Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Pulaski County Government

By Judge Executive Marshall Todd

Somerset, Ky. *(December 20, 2024)* – As the year draws to a close and the holiday season unfolds, it is a time for reflection, gratitude, and celebration. Here in Pulaski County, we are reminded daily of the strength and spirit of our community. It is your compassion and commitment to one another that make this county truly a special place to call home. This Christmas Season offers us a chance to pause and acknowledge all that we've accomplished together. Over the past year, Pulaski County has taken significant strides in improving infrastructure and enhancing opportunities for residents. These achievements are not just the result of hard work within local governments here in the county but the collaboration and dedication of community members who tell us we're moving in the right direction.

Last month, I highlighted some of the things I mentioned at this year's State of the County address at the Somerset Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce monthly luncheon. Here at the end of the year, I would like to highlight a few other things I talked about. We've been working for some time to get our compost site on the 914 bypass back up and running and we have done just that. It was set up several years ago to accept storm debris, tree limbs, leaves, and yard waste. It was a great idea at the time, but unfortunately the proper state permits were not acquired for operation. We have now done that and are now back in operation on a regular basis. Not too far from that compost site is the Pulaski County Animal Shelter. We are always looking for ways to expand the shelter and our spay and neuter program. Adam Scales and his crew are doing a phenomenal job handling over 1700 dogs and 600 cats with an adoption rate and rescue program that is second to none.

Management changes at both Fleet Maintenance and at our parks have led to improvements in both aspects of Pulaski County Government. Our fleet consists of well over 300 pieces of equipment and vehicles that we have to keep in top shape. It's a huge undertaking. We have split that into two divisions. We have a shop foreman over road equipment and another over our fire equipment. Our volunteer firefighters do a great job and we must support them with the best equipment and training available. At the parks, we have a full-time parks manager and a full-time maintenance manager. We have top quality facilities at Shopville, Woodstock, White Lily, Firebrook, and of course our biggest which is Pulaski County Park. We are looking at continuing improvements including pickleball courts, a major upgrade to the electrical system at PC Park, and bringing back our disc golf course.

As we look ahead to a new year, we remain committed to making Pulaski County an even better place to live, work, and thrive. Our goals for the coming year include investing in programs that uplift our residents, fostering economic growth, and ensuring a sustainable future for generations to come. This holiday season, we encourage you to celebrate the connections that make our community strong. Whether gathering with family and friends or enjoying the quiet comforts of the season, may your holidays be filled with peace, warmth, and happiness.

On behalf of Pulaski County Government, we thank you for the trust you place in us. It is an honor to serve this incredible community. I wish you and your loved ones a joyous holiday season and a prosperous New Year! As always, if you need us, feel free to call this office at (606)678-4853 or email me at mtodd@pcgovt.com. God Bless You and God Bless Pulaski County.