



Friday, January 20, 2017

Governor Haslam announced his proposal to address sustainable funding for state transportation needs. Here is the link to the official release of the proposal: <http://tn.gov/news/48075> City leadership will be reviewing the proposal as we get more details to understand the full impact. Our legislative delegation has asked local governments to weigh in on the proposal. After a full review, we will likely bring a resolution to the **Franklin Board of Mayor and Aldermen** for consideration of support.

The **City of Franklin** and the Downtown Franklin Association and Heritage Foundation is working with **Mars Petcare**, "**Better Cities for Pets**" program. Mars is asking the City of Franklin to be a Pilot Program to promote pet friendliness in the city. A committee of community volunteers is working with Mars to find ways to make pet owners aware that the downtown shops are welcoming to pets and visitors with pets. Look for a launch of the program sometime this Spring and more information coming soon.



**The
Franklin
Fire**

Department and the **Franklin Firefighters Association** presented a \$1,000 donation to the Williamson Breast Health Center this week. They funds were raised by selling breast

cancer awareness t-shirts. . PHOTO: (L to R): Rebecca Baskin, M.D., Cary Ralph, R.N., **Dustin Anderson, Firefighter/Paramedic and James Demastus, Firefighter.**

Our **Special Census** is ongoing and City Census workers are out in neighborhoods collecting the data manually for those who have not filled out the form online or by mail. It is easy to do and literally only takes a few minutes at www.franklintn.gov/2017specialcensus . As of this week we have counted just over 50,000 people, but we believe we have at least 70,000 citizens currently. All we ask is for your address and the names of the people who live in your home! Census workers also plan to be at area Kroger stores every Saturday through the end of the month.

A second **Columbia Avenue widening** public involvement meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 31 from 6-8pm at the City Hall Training Room located at 109 3rd Avenue South, Franklin, TN, 37064. A formal presentation will begin at 6:30 p.m., with individual discussions at 6:00 p.m. and again after the presentation. Attendees will learn about the proposed design concepts from City staff and the project team and have the opportunity to provide feedback.

We received a nice thank you note for our **Franklin Police Department.**

I want to shout out a BIG LOUD "THANK YOU" to Detective Jeff Rowe!! He was investigating the nursing home incidents in Franklin TN and I was a victim of a theft at the nursing home in Donelson TN. Detective Rowe was contacted regarding my police report in Davidson Co since similar incident. Detective Rowe took the time to contact me to get information about my incident. He has been exceptional great in keeping me abreast of activity which directly impacts me!!. THANK YOU SO MUCH DETECTIVE ROWE for your dedication and hard work. Please note that I do not want it to go unnoticed. Thank You."

The budget season is upon us. Thank you to all departments who are working hard to submit their budget proposals today.

Enjoy your weekend and thanks for all you do!