



Friday, March 3, 2017



A BIG thank you to all who worked and responded to the tornado that hit Franklin and Brentwood Wednesday morning. The tornado was classified as an EF1 and began in the area of Fieldstone Farms/Monticello and traveled into Nashville. The path inside the City of Franklin was approximately 4.5 miles long and another 7.5 miles in Williamson approximately 1.25 miles wide and affected approximately 26 square miles. See a video of

the damage here: <https://www.facebook.com/pg/CityOfFranklin/videos/> See Brentwood damage here: https://www.facebook.com/pg/City-of-Brentwood-Tennessee-Local-Government-341374074160/videos/?ref=page_internal

Thanks also to all our **City Census workers** and **Lori Jarosz, Susan Coleman and Milissa Reiersen** who have worked since late last year to help us reach our final number of **71,374**, which is 5,004 more people than in 2014 (66,370). This should mean over \$500,000 per year of additional revenue from the State of Tennessee based on our population. Great work by all who helped “get the count.” It will truly make a positive impact on the community.

Speaking of our final Special Census count of 71,374 . . . the two winners of our “guess the census” number were Lanai Benne in Admin (who only missed by 57) and Therese Carrier in Water Revenue (who only missed by 121). Thanks to everyone who played our game!

Mars Petcare presented to the **Board of Mayor and Alderman** their plan to make Franklin a pilot-project for Pet-friendly cities. The mission of the program is to encourage U.S. cities to provide ample places for every dog and cat to live, visit and play by supporting shelters, homes, and businesses. The big-picture goal is to make Middle Tennessee a more pet-friendly community through design, development, and partnerships. Mars team members met with **Mayor Ken Moore** in late 2016 to give an overview of the program. Mayor Moore suggested Mars meet with the **Downtown Franklin Association** and the **Williamson County Convention**



and Visitors Bureau to get the **Historic Downtown** community involved and also to promote to those who want to travel to Franklin with their pets. Currently, 20 of Franklin's 34 hotels allow dogs in their facilities. Mars Petcare and the City of Franklin are inviting residents and their pets to come to the official launch scheduled for **Friday, June 16, 9:30 a.m. in front of the Historic Williamson County Courthouse**, on the square in Downtown Franklin. There will be free pet photos offered as well as giveaways and a "pup-parade" led by **Mars CEO Grant Reid and Mayor Moore** down the sidewalks of Main Street where attendees can visit participating downtown retailers for more fun with their four-legged friends. To see some news coverage on this project go to http://www.williamsonherald.com/news/local_news/article_2939e82a-ff1b-11e6-b75a-9372d248ab82.html <http://franklinhomepage.com/mars-petcare-pitches-pet-friendly-pilot-city-project-for-franklin/>

A special **thank you note** for **Mayor Moore, Vernon Gerth, Alderman Beverly Burger and Planning Commission Chairman Mike Hathaway**:

Dear Mr. Gerth,

I really appreciate you taking time from your schedule to answer my questions, listen to my ideas and enlighten me on the great job you and your colleagues are doing. All of you have a tough and thankless job. I am impressed by what I witnessed today. I want to tell you how much this citizen appreciates all that you do for this city. Sincerely, Swan Burrus.

***Reminder!** We have rescheduled annual **Cornhole Superbowl due to the storms we experienced last Wednesday!** We've scheduled it for Tuesday, **March 14**, at the **Public Works Facility**. The **Ping Pong tournament is back. And, this year, we're adding a Darts tournament!** First place prize is **\$150 to the winning cornhole team and \$75 to the table tennis champ and the Darts champ!** Details and registration forms are attached. **Please return the forms and entry fees to Suzanne Carter (Parks) or Chris Edwards (HR).** There's still time to register for these fun competitions. Even if you don't play, come enjoy a delicious lunch for only \$5. We'll also give away lots of great prizes. **Raffle tickets are only \$1 each.** You can buy as many as you want and you don't have to be present to win. **To purchase raffle tickets, contact Monique McCullough (Admin).**

CPR Training is scheduled for March 30th in the City Hall Training Room from 8:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. If you'd like to register for the class, contact Tim Napier (tim.napier@franklintn.gov, 550-6721) or Chris Edwards (chris.edwards@franklintn.gov, 550-6984).

Our next **Blood Drive** is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 28th**, in the **City Hall Training Room** from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. To make an appointment, you can go to the online scheduling system at www.redcrossblood.org. In the "Find a Blood Drive" box type in: **FranklinTN19**. If you need help making an appointment or if you have any questions, contact moniquem@franklintn.gov or X6606.

Welcome to the following new City team members.

Nathan Staggs, WATER, Wastewater Operator I.

Nathan is originally from Hartselle, Alabama. Prior to working at the City, Nathan worked for Morgan County Engineering. Nathan is an avid Alabama fan.

Alexander (Alex) Shriner, FIRE, Firefighter.

Alex is originally from St. Louis, Missouri but has lived in the area for almost 8 years. In his spare time, Alex enjoys playing the guitar and hanging out with friends. Prior to coming to the City, Alex worked for Williamson County 911. Interesting fact about Alex, he is a quadruplet!

Enjoy your weekend and thanks for *all* you do!



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