



Friday, September 8, 2017

The **Franklin Police Department** will be holding a ceremony to commemorate 9/11 on Monday at 8:30 a.m. The ceremony will honor those lost in service to their community and victims of the 9/11 attack. The community and employees are invited. Please get supervisor approval. If you cannot get away from your desk, the Communications division will be broadcasting the ceremony LIVE on the city Facebook page.

FrankTalks will cover a topic that has started to hit the Williamson County community too close to home. We have all seen it in the headlines and heard it on the news. While we would all rather believe that the **opioid crisis** will not impact us, it is a very real situation that is consistently growing in severity. FrankTalks is partnering with the Williamson County Anti-Drug Coalition (WCADC) in an effort to further educate the public and discuss ways our community can fight this epidemic. The panel will consist of individuals who have personally been affected by the opioid crisis and those who work as professionals in law enforcement or treatment and recovery. The meeting will take place at 9am in the city hall training room and will be broadcast live on the city Facebook page.

The **Franklin Police Department** began issuing new badges to officers yesterday. The updated design incorporates Franklin's City Seal set over a rendering of Franklin Police Headquarters. Over the last year, the Department has been working on a design that better reflected the community and the police officers who serve it. *"Throughout history, shields were used to protect those responsible for protecting others,"* said Chief Deborah Faulkner. *"Our shields are a symbol of integrity and authority. Our badge has evolved from generic to unique and is an acknowledgment, of every officer who wears it, that we value our oath to serve this special city, our residents, and one another. I am very proud to wear this badge."*

Here is a nice thank you note for **Amanda in the Planning and Sustainability Department**:

Amanda,



I want to express to you what a great job you did at the Hard Bargain meeting of explaining what overlays, neighborhood conservation, and HOA's are and how they are used in Franklin. Because of historical injustices and abuse you were talking to a crowd that from the get go is wondering what is the ulterior motive. Unfortunately, those of us who really do care will also have to endure some skepticism and questioning, but I think it is worth it. Your responses today were a wonderful combination of compassion, truth,

and sincerity. Interactions like today will slowly erode hurts and replace bad experiences with good ones. Thank you for being available and giving up your Saturday morning.—Stefanie Bishop



The **Stormwater division of our Engineering Department** spent the day this week with students from BGA Lower School 5th grade Science class. The focus of the project was to connect students to their City and the water resources that serve their community, i.e. the Harpeth River. Staff talked about point vs non-point source pollution and how land uses upstream can affect downstream neighbors. Students received “property” along the river and drew what their property would look like on paper. Once the students finished their drawings they lined up along the Harpeth (some blue fabric) with their drawings and describe some pollutants each land use might contribute. Each site received some “pollution” (bottles and cardboard labeled as different pollutants) and passed these to their downstream neighbor. The property that was furthest downstream was then inundated with pollution. This exercise showed kids how small amounts of pollution add up quickly downstream in a watershed. Special thanks to **Brittani Perez, Ellen Moore and Kristen Stanfill**.

On September 13th, a public meeting will be held regarding the **96 West Multi-Use Trail project at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall Boardroom**. The project will extend the multi-use trail from by Freedom Middle School into downtown. The City has received to grants from

the Tennessee Department of Transportation for this project. The meeting will provide the public with a general overview of the project.

REMINDER: Our second annual City of Franklin Lip Sync Battle is happening September 27. GROUP TEAM WINS LUNCH FOR ENTIRE DEPARTMENT and the INDIVIDUAL PRIZE IS A \$50.00 gift card. This year, we are going to add a new wrinkle to the lip sync event. **Yours truly (Eric Stuckey) will perform a lip sync to a song based on your vote. Your vote is through a contribution to United Way, \$1 = one vote. The four songs to vote on are:**

- 1. Let it Go – Frozen soundtrack**
- 2. Stayin Alive – The Bee Gees**
- 3. Ice, Ice Baby – Vanilla Ice**
- 4. Party in the USA – Miley Cyrus**

Keep an eye out in your department for your opportunity to vote (early and often!).

Mark your calendars! **Flu shot clinics** will be **October 18th** and **November 13th**. This year will be a **four strain shot**, which is better and more effective than the three strain. More information to come regarding times and location.

Thanks for *all* you do!



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