



*Friday, April 20, 2018*

The **Franklin Police Department** is giving teens the opportunity to see a little bit of what life behind the badge looks like. The program, exclusively for Franklin teens, gives young people the opportunity to run police radar, process mock crime scenes, and see up-close demonstrations by FPD's special units. The series of four classes runs from 10am-12:30pm on June 4, 5, 6, and 7. Each session includes lunch, and applicants must commit to attending all four dates.

The free program is open to teens, between 14 and 17, who live in Franklin. [Click here to apply](#). Applications are reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis, and will be accepted through Sunday, May 27. Seats are limited, so apply today.

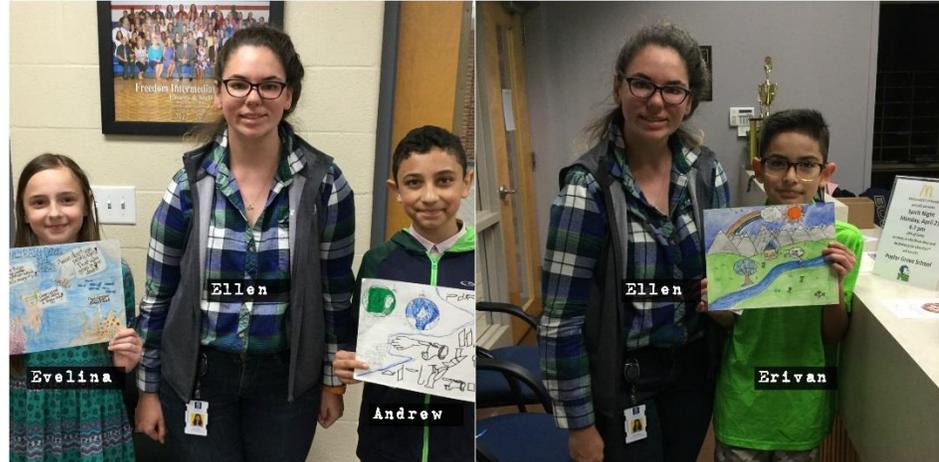
**April is Child Abuse Prevention Month.** In recognition of that, this display, created by a local **Eagle Scout**, is being featured on the lawn outside the **Franklin Police Department**. The 30 'kids on the lawn' represent 300 abused Williamson County kids served by the [Davis House Child Advocacy Center](#) last year. The display provides a visual representation of what so many of our community's children and families face. A public candlelight gathering honoring the recovery of abused children will be held at Franklin Police Headquarters on April 25 at 6pm.



The **Tennessee State University ICMA Student Chapter** held their **2018 Public Service Awards** presentation on Wednesday, April 18, 2018. City of Franklin **Deputy Fire Chief/Fire Marshal Andy King** received the **Outstanding MPA (Master of Public Administration) Alumnus Award** in recognition of his accomplishments in the region and state, devotion to public service, and exemplifying the Institute of Government's tradition of excellence. Here I am with Deputy Chief King at the ceremony (pictured left). It is my honor to serve as the student chapter's professional mentor. We formed the chapter last year to encourage students to explore careers in local

government. Andy and so many of you are great examples of how a career in local government is a tremendous opportunity to serve others and make a difference in our communities. So far, we have grown the student chapter membership to 25 students!

This past Wednesday, the **City of Franklin Stormwater Management Division** held its 2nd annual poster contest to help celebrate Earth Day this Sunday. Fifth graders from Freedom



Intermediate and Poplar Grove Middle entered the “Only Rain Down the Drain” poster contest. A total of 48 posters were submitted. The 3 winners were chosen by our judges **Vice Mayor Martin, Mayor Moore, and Eric Stuckey. Ellen Moore from Engineering** organized the event and is pictured here with the winners. First place from **Poplar Grove Erivan Florez** (Keep our water clean!), first place from **Freedom intermediate Andrew Florez** (Recycling is easier than reading hieroglyphics!), and the overall grand prize winner **Evelina Birak from Freedom Intermediate** (Only rain down the drain!) These kids did an amazing job this year!

**Williamson Inc. 2018 Outlook report.** Last week, Williamson Inc. conducted its annual **Outlook Williamson** event. Attached is the report provided at the event. The attached report provides a wide variety of data regarding our community and our economic competitiveness. The big take-away from the report is that the Franklin and Williamson County local economy is among the most dynamic in the country with strong job growth and investment.

**A nice thank you note for the Stormwater crew from a citizen below.**

*Casey Chrisman, Thank you very much for listening to me and following through on what needed to be done to get my back yard area right. These guys came and were so diligent to get the work done and done well. Please know that it is appreciated so much. Being a widow with a daughter, it is tough for us to know the right thing to do for these type situations. Thanks to you and your men for advising me and following through on what needed to be done—making it stress free for me. Great customer service.*

*So much appreciation!—Mary Frances*

**Welcome to the following new employees:**



**Hank Dees. STREET. Landscape Maintenance.**

Hank is originally from Newport, RI. Before joining the City, Hank worked for Marriott at the Music City Center. Hank is married and has 3 dogs. In his spare time, Hank enjoys golfing, jogging and volunteering.

**Manuel Atilano. PARKS. Facilities.**

Manuel is originally from Mexico. He is married and has 2 children and 1 dog. Manuel likes to visit new cities and also enjoys the zoo. Before Manuel came to the City he worked for Emotiva Audio.

**Dominick DiVito. PARKS. Facilities.**

Dominick is originally from California. He enjoys working out and martial arts. Dominick's favorite sports team is the Detroit Redwings. Prior to joining the City, Dominick was in Film Production.

Please join The **Franklin Tree Commission** and the **City of Franklin Parks Department** for tons of fun in the trees for **Arbor Day at Pinkerton Park this Saturday** from 10am to 2pm. Join us for free tree saplings, kid's activities, tree climbing, food trucks and more. The weather is supposed to be warmer and no projected rain, so it should be a fun day for the entire family. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the value of trees and for the kids to get out and enjoy our park. For more information please check out the website at [www.franklintn.gov/arborday](http://www.franklintn.gov/arborday) or email specific questions to [parksinfo@franklintn.gov](mailto:parksinfo@franklintn.gov).

**It's quiz time! The first three correct answers will a lovely Lifetime Fitness tote bag.** Here's the question . . . considering the recent Williamson Outlook report: What is the most recent unemployment rate for Williamson County?

Thanks for *all* you do. Have a great weekend!

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