



Friday, December 21, 2018



Happy Trails to you...until we meet again!

Another long-time City team member is retiring this month. We wish him all the best and thank him for his service to the community!

- **Police - Deputy Chief Chris Gentry (1/1/1990) - Deputy Chief Gentry is also serving in the U.S. Army as a Brigadier General**

Congratulations to all our folks who achieved 20, 25, and 30 milestones in their service with the City! See list below:

20 Years:

**Tommy Justus - Police
Jon-Paul Taylor - Police
Will Farris - Fire
Shelly Anderson - Revenue Management
Stephanie Cisco - Police
Delisa Pugh - Revenue Management
Scottie Chambers - Fire
David Currie - Fire
William Fox - Engineering
Tom Chaffin - Fire
Charlene Forehand - Fire
Joe Polenzani - Fire
Geoff Manfre - Fire
Bill Almon - Fire
Keith Martin - Police**

25 Years:

**Don Zelaya - Police
Raymond Straughan - IT**

30 Years:

**Russell Sullivan - Water Management
Calvin Reed - Streets**





Another fabulous **Christmas Breakfast** is in the books. Thank you to the **Admin Team** lead by **Lanaii Benne and Monique McCullough** who managed the breakfast service. Thanks to everyone who pitched in and created the Christmas magic. It was one of the most fun breakfasts we've had, everyone had the Christmas Spirit. Like I said at the breakfast, it is because of our wonderful City Team that Franklin is the best place to live in Tennessee. It really is! See this link in Money Magazine!

<http://time.com/money/5479244/this-is-the-best-place-to-live-in-every-state/>

Congratulations to our winners for the holiday spirit and Tree Contest, Stephanie Turner and the Parks Department. The series of photos to the right with **Michelle Hatcher** dressed as an elf...It was designated long ago that the winner of the Tree/Door Decorating contest must dress as an elf at the following year's Christmas Breakfast. She came to the breakfast and gave nice gifts out to many attending, but for her arch rival, **Lisa Clayton**, she gave coal. Subsequently Lisa won this year and next year will have to dress like an elf! And in case you didn't recognize him, that is **Alderman Scott Speedy dressed as Elf**, he came to the breakfast spreading Christmas Cheer and served candy and syrup at the breakfast! Of course **Mayor Ken Moore wore his dapper Christmas suit** as well, so it was definitely a cheerful event. See the tree decorating photos below. Building and Neighborhood Services (BNS) came in second and there was a tie for third between Water Management and IT. Everyone put a lot of effort into the contest this year with 10 departments competing. Thank you all for your effort and making your offices a joyful place during the holidays. See a video of the tree decorating contest here <https://youtu.be/jbA1xlyvPDg>





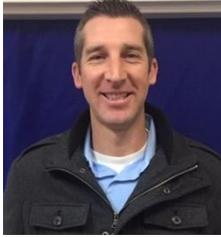
On Thursday, 17 firefighters graduated from the **Franklin Fire Department's Firefighter Training Academy** during a ceremony that took place at the 4th Avenue Church of Christ. The firefighters, representing five local departments, were: **Andrew Bowden, Byron Dahlstrom, Austin Thompson and William White from the Franklin Fire Department**; Nathan Ramos and Brett Yeager from the Dickson Fire Department; Jake Beckman, Justin Belew and Colton Bond from the Lawrenceburg Fire Department; Tyler Allen, Cornelius Dirksen, Tyson Donaldson, Nicholas Lanzafame, Donald Rogers, Ryan St. Peter and Jarriett Toney from Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue; and Timothy Kennedy from the Spring Hill Fire Department. Appreciation goes out to the **Franklin Fire training staff as well, including; Battalion Chief Jimmy Jennings, Captains Michael Pardue and Greg Wild, and EMS Officer Sarah Glenn.**

We received a nice thank you call for our **Street's Department:**

From **Mr. Jerry Nelson on Clarendon Circle in Fieldstone Farms-**
 "The leaf crew did a great job, they deserve a pat on the back!"



Welcome to our new hire this week in the **Police Department!**



Wesley Johnson, Police Officer.

Wesley is from Camarillo, California where he worked for the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's department. Wesley has been married to his wife Katie for over 13 years and they have 2 children, Leila and Cameron. In his spare time, Wesley enjoys spending time with his family and watching and playing soccer. Wesley has a B.S. in Psychology from

California Lutheran University and a Masters in Criminology, Law & Society from University of California, Irvine.



A special thanks to our **Police and Fire Departments** who raised money and gifts for those less fortunate in our community. Sunday morning, **police officers from across Williamson County** helped to make Christmas a little brighter for families who are down on their luck this year. The Morris Heathcock Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #41 will held its annual **Shop with a Cop** event at the Franklin Walmart. They **assisted 150 children from pre-screened families to do their Christmas shopping**, and spent more than \$30,000, generously donated by local residents and businesses. They also assisted **12 families with their toy box drive!** The **Franklin Firefighters'** annual toy and clothing drive serves about **300 children annually**. **Around 200 people (including me and my**

family) attended the wrapping party at Station 5 on Tuesday evening and wrapped more than 1,000 gifts for 300 children. The gifts have been or will be distributed today (Friday), at three separate parties taking place....two in Franklin and one in Fairview. This year marks the 11th annual year for the Toy Drive.

A special thanks to the many City team members that will working and serving the community over the holidays! City Hall is closed Monday (12/24) and Tuesday (12/25), and also New Year's Day. Thanks for *all* you do! Enjoy your Christmas holiday with family and friends.



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