



***Friday, January 4, 2019***

Our **Parks Department Maintenance Department** CPSI playground inspectors, **Tanner Warf** and **Darrin Humphrey** have installed two new “**Expression Swings**.” One is at Pinkerton Park Tinkerbell Playground and the other is at Liberty Park. They both replace a regular “tot” swing. The Expression Swing is the only patented playground swing designed to promote inter-generational play in which an adult and child interact face to face, eye to eye. Research says when a parent and a child’s eyes meet, particularly during play, there is an intense and significant moment of emotional bonding that occurs. Scientists call this “attunement” and it enhances the social, emotional and cognitive well-being of both children and adults.

The **City of Franklin United Way 2019 Campaign Event** is scheduled for **Wednesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at Public Works!** The kickoff event will feature darts and cornhole tournaments, lunch, tournament cash prizes, and door prizes! Bring \$5 for lunch and come cheer on your coworkers! This year, we have two cornhole divisions – Competitive and Recreation. The winner of the Competitive division will take on the top players from Brentwood and Williamson County and could be crowned the Best Cornhole Team in Williamson County! Please see the attached flyer for more details and instructions on how to sign up for the tournaments.



**Partial Federal Government impact on cities.** Here is a link from the National League of Cities that summarizes the impact of the current partial Federal government shut down: <https://citiesspeak.org/2018/12/21/what-a-partial-government-shutdown-means-for-city-leaders/>

We have a nice **thank you note** for the **Water Management Department** this week.

*Dear Mrs. Michelle Hatcher,*

*There are simply not enough ways to tell you “thank you” for all you did to help me and my group succeed in our government project. We want to express our immense appreciation for the time and effort you selflessly contributed to us and our*

*assignment. We received an A+ for our project and owe you greatly for our success. Although we don't feel as if we can thank you enough, we hope this assures you of our gratitude for your incredible assistance and for going above and beyond what we asked. We truly could not have excelled at this assignment without you. Thank you and Happy Holidays. From—Katherine Klinedivist, Carol Klinedivist, Rebecca Heise, Maggie Roberts.*

## **Welcome to the following new employees!**

### **Kristie Thompson, Fire Inspector**

Kristie is originally from Orange County, CA and now lives in Fairview. Kristie is married with two dogs and one cat. In her spare time, Kristie enjoys traveling to new places and spending time with her husband and friends. Kristie received her Bachelor's degree in Speech Communication. Prior to joining the City, Kristie has worked for 14 years in Fire Prevention.

### **Dalton Moore, Streets Maintenance Worker**

Dalton is from Lyles, TN and has one child. In his spare time, Dalton enjoys hunting, fishing, sports and four wheeling. Dalton's favorite sports teams are the UT Volunteers and the Titans.

Happy New Year, everyone! Here's wishing you and your family a happy and healthy 2019. I look forward to serving with you all this coming year. Thanks for *all* you do!



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