

E-Brief 2019

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Friday, May 17, 2019



The **Employee Health and Safety Fair** was a big success with more than 250 employees attending the event. Admin was the winner for the 2nd year in the Jeopardy challenge! Employees visited many booths offering information on health, Wellness and safety. Some even got a massage! There were tons of giveaways along with 47 vendors.



This past Saturday, **five volunteers** donated their morning to plant eight species of native vegetation along Dry Branch Wetland. This constructed wetland is important to Franklin not only for flood reduction, but pollutant reduction as well. Thanks to the efforts of **Keep Williamson Beautiful** and **City Stormwater**

Management staff, Dry Branch Wetland has been undergoing a restoration through a series of stream cleanups, non-native invasive removals, and native replantings. Natives that were planted were: switchgrass, swamp milkweed, beebalm, big bluestem, Virginia wild rye, ninebark, persimmon, and sweetgum. **KWB and Stormwater Management** will continue restoration efforts with additional volunteer events in the coming Fall.

Earlier this week, **Parks Director Lisa Clayton** addressed a crowd at the Frank Talks event that was held at High Hopes Development Center and hosted by Franklin Tomorrow. Lisa discussed the plans for an inclusive playground at the new Southeast Park Complex. Lisa shared the goal for the city to partner with the community on the design of the playground, similar to Pinkerton Park's Tinkerbell playground. She said, "when a community gets behind something, then you've got ownership, and it usually lasts!" Jill Moore with Landscape Structures also spoke about the benefits of inclusive playgrounds. You can read more in the Williamson Herald at http://www.williamsonherald.com/news/future-inclusive-playground-to-come-to-southeast-park-in-franklin/article_3554afd0-7635-11e9-9bb8-036467a7da44.html (Photo cred: Austin Thomas, Williamson Herald)





Mayor Ken Moore's State of the City was a well-attended event at a new venue, Rolling Hills Community Church. Approximately 400 people came to see the Mayor discuss investment in our community and the future. He also awarded **Buddy Blue Bag** a gold watch and thanked him for his service! At the end of the presentation a great video was shown featuring many employee's kids in City careers. Special thanks to **Lt. Joann Willhite, Shauna Billingsley, and Amy Diaz-Barriga**. See the video on FB at https://www.facebook.com/pg/CityOfFranklin/videos/?ref=page_internal or on YouTube at www.youtube.com/cityoffranklin. The Mayor also recognized some of our **Police, Firefighters and citizens who recently helped save a life of a citizen contemplating suicide**. Those folks were recently awarded a life-saving medal from the Franklin Police Department. They are **Franklin Firefighter/Paramedic Michael Henry, Firefighter Brad Engle, Franklin Police Officer Jane Teeples, Sgt. David Mullins, Lt. Charlie Warner** and also three civilians who assisted: **Trey Reynolds, Jessica Self and Jayme Summers**. Mayor Moore told the crowd he would be assembling a **Blue Ribbon Panel to address the suicide and opioid crisis and its impact on Franklin**. *(Photo cred first two pics Austin Thomas, Williamson Herald. Stephen Price took the third photos)* Read the article in the Williamson Herald for the full story http://www.williamsonherald.com/news/franklin-s-state-of-the-city-speech-highlights-mental-health/article_b7f85cc2-774b-11e9-acb0-ab0a8a39f512.html

Since late 2017, **City Planning and Legal staff** has been working on updating the City Zoning Ordinance, with the goal of guiding the type of high-quality, vibrant, and sustainable development prescribed by Envision Franklin. In February 2019, staff and consultant Town Planning & Urban Design Collaborative (TPUDC) hosted **Planapalooza**, a code demonstration and design process. Staff, stakeholders, and citizens worked with the consultant team to test draft zoning concepts through prototypical urban design scenarios. Staff and TPUDC then continued to work on the zoning ordinance update using input received during Planapalooza. This week the public review draft of the updated zoning ordinance was released for community and stakeholder input. A **Public Draft Open House** will be held on **August 15 from 5-8pm at the City Hall Training Room**. Please find the

Public Draft Ordinance and the Draft Zoning Map at <https://zonefranklin.com/public-draft-zoning-ordinance>.

Mayor Moore invites you to participate in an Aldermen Ward Walk Off on May 21 and May 30. During the next **Get Fit Franklin's Walk Moore With The Mayor** at the end of the month, the aldermen will compete in a Mayor's Challenge to get the most people to show up to their one-mile walk. Support your alderman and fitness by joining us for this friendly

Each At-Large Alderman will be paired with a Ward Alderman to form four teams. The team with the highest attendance at their walk wins a trophy and bragging rights for the year. Trophies will be presented to the winning team at the BOMA meeting on June 11.

- **Team 1: Beverly Berger and Clyde Barnhill | Tuesday, May 21 at 1:30 p.m.**
- **Team 2: Scott Speedy and Ann Petersen | Tuesday, May 21 at 3:30 p.m.**
- **Team 3: Dana McLendon and Pearl Bransford | Thursday, May 30 at 1:30 p.m.**
- **Team 4: Margaret Martin and Brandy Blanton | Thursday, May 30 at 3:30 p.m.**

For more information and course routes follow this link: <https://www.facebook.com/events/868116846866075/>

Open enrollment for medical, HSA, vision, dental, and voluntary products will be from **May 17th to June 14th** with changes being effective July 1st. Below is a schedule of upcoming meetings to go over what is changing with insurance. All of the meetings will be held in the City Hall Boardroom. If you have not attended a meeting, please try to attend one of the meetings below. If you are unable to attend, the presentation will be posted on Inside the City by the end of the month.

- Friday, May 17th, 10:00am
- Monday, May 20th, 2:00pm
- Tuesday, May 21st, 10:00am
- Thursday, May 23rd, 1:00pm
- Wednesday, May 29th, 8:30am



The **Franklin Fire Department** honored personnel, citizens and other emergency responders for outstanding 2018 accomplishments at an awards ceremony on May 13 at the Williamson County Community Enrichment Center. Additionally, Personnel of the Year awards were presented, and promotions and a recent retirement were recognized. Two patients who survived life-threatening emergencies, and the mother of a patient who survived a traumatic injury, attended the ceremony to personally thank responders. For a complete list of honorees and more photos, visit <http://bit.ly/2Qbs2bn>. To watch the ceremony on YouTube visit <http://bit.ly/2w19txp>. Congratulations to all!

Welcome to our newest team member!



Bill Squires--Assistant City Attorney.

Bill is originally from Little Rock, Arkansas. He received his Bachelor's degree in Music from University of Memphis and his Juris Doctorate. In his spare time, Bill enjoys spending time with his stepchildren, music and concerts, especially live performances. Bill is an avid Ohio State fan as well as Nashville Predators. Before joining the City, Bill worked for Kelli Haas & Associates and previously worked for the City of Murfreesboro and Williamson County Schools.

Welcome to the City Bill!

The weekend, be sure to enjoy the annual **Touch a Truck** event happening tonight 5-8pm at Jim



Engineer Doug Bowman, Battalion Chief Joe Polenzani, FF Josh Meeks, Patient Steven O'Donnell, Lt.-P Richey Schatz, WCSO Deputies Erol Agaoglu and Will Harris.



Lt. Daniel Doss, Patient Ronnie Campbell, FF James Fox, Civilian Lifesaving Award Recipient Brenden Patrick Miller, and FF Nick Riley.

Warren Park. This event is a huge hit with our citizens and we expect to see over 5,000 attendees. The Parks Department is still looking for volunteers if anyone has some free time tonight from 5-8:30pm. If you are interested, please contact Andrew Woodfin by email at andrew.woodfin@franklintn.gov or by phone at 615-794-2103.

Also the **Franklin Rodeo is happening at the AG Center, put on by the Franklin Noon Rotary**. This year they are celebrating 70 years! To learn more about the rodeo visit this link <http://franklinrodeo.com/>.

Thanks for *all* you do!



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