



Friday, August 30, 2019

This week, **Chief Faulkner** got a surprise visit from the Office of the Secretary of Defense at Franklin Police Headquarters. She was honored with **the Patriotic Employer Award** for her contributions to National Security and protecting liberty and freedom by supporting employee participation in America’s National Guard and Reserve Force. Chief Faulkner was **nominated for the award by Franklin Police Officer Steve Chittanavong** who recently served in an overseas deployment.

Chief Faulkner said, “Being nominated by one of my officers makes me especially proud to be recognized with this award. I am extremely proud of our officers who not only serve our city, but also our country. They all serve with pride and professionalism.” This is the second time in her five years as Franklin’s Police Chief that Faulkner has been honored with this award.



We received some exciting news yesterday from the Convention and Visitors Bureau. **Franklin** was just listed as one of **19 Best Christmas Villages and Towns Across The World 2019 in The Oprah Magazine!** They specifically mention “Dickens of a Christmas” but we believe our beautiful Christmas Tree is also pretty magical!



Here is the link to the *Oprah Magazine* article (we are #3):

<https://www.oprahmag.com/life/g28616974/best-christmas-towns-villages/?slide=3>

We received this nice thank you message:

*The residents on Wayside Court wanted to send their sincere appreciation to our **Sanitation and Environmental Services Department** for working to get their trash while a moving truck was blocking the road. "They had no access to our trash cans. They could have driven off, but they worked together and took care of all of us on Wayside. The people on Wayside appreciate them!"*

Blue Bin Update: Here is a dashboard that our GIS team put together for the Blue Bin registrations, which gives you a map to see where they are located throughout the City. To date, we have **over 6100 households** registered. Here is the link: <http://franklin.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/7a53ea03404748a1bd82e16f7ce5edf8>

Meet our new City Team members:



Pictured L-R:

Shahad Abdulrahman - Staff Engineer (Engineering)

Shahad is originally from Baghdad, Iraq and has lived in the US for 11 years. She moved to Franklin when she immigrated and it has been home ever since! Shahad enjoys cooking, biking, painting, writing, photography and spending time with family and friends. She has a B.S. in Civil & Environmental Engineering. Prior to joining the City, Shahad worked for the City of Lebanon as an engineer.



Maricruz Fincher - Staff Attorney (Legal)

Maricruz was born in New York and raised in Miami Florida. She has a B.A. in Accounting from Florida International University and her J.D. is from Florida State

University. Maricruz is married and has a daughter (6) and a son (2). In her free time, Maricruz enjoys spending time with family, long walks, sewing and anything crafty. Maricruz previously worked for South Florida Water Management District.

Caleb Stoner - Senior A/P Specialist (Finance)

Caleb is from Watertown, Tennessee. He enjoys spending time with his dog, Heidi, running and loves trying out hipster/non hipster coffee shops! Caleb has a Bachelors in Business Administration from MTSU and previously worked for Genesco as an Accounts Payable Specialist II. Caleb is excited to meet everyone at the City!

Welcome to the City!

On September 20th, the Planning Department staff will be available throughout the day to answer questions related to the zoning ordinance update. The Zoning Ordinance contains standards for how land can be used and developed. The purpose of the update is to:

- Better align the Zoning Ordinance/Zoning Map with the Envision Franklin policies
- Reduce the number of conflicts and overlapping provisions
- Re-focus the standards on zoning districts by eliminating multiple overlay districts
- Make the document more user friendly, interactive and easier to understand

You can see a draft of the ordinance at www.ZoneFranklin.com. For more information, please visit <https://zonefranklin.com>.

That's all for now. Enjoy your holiday weekend!

Thanks for *all* you do.



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