



Friday, September 13, 2019

Great news! You can now contribute to a college savings account through payroll deduction! **TNStars College Savings** is a 529 program to assist you with savings for your children's (or grandchildren's) college tuition and expenses. The program is managed by the TN Treasury Department. Attached you will find information about the program and how to get started. If you are interested in contributing, you must first create your account with TNStars. Then you will complete a direct deposit form on Green Employee to submit to payroll. You will have to upload a copy of your information you receive from TNStars showing your account number.

A local family associated with the Greater Nashville Church dropped off a gift basket on 9-11 to our **Franklin Police Department**. **Officers in the photo are MPO Tami Crowe, MPO Prentice Griffin and Officers Victoria Hutchinson and Wesley Johnson**. The officers were at the station at the time teaching a women's self-defense class.

This past Wednesday morning, the City of Franklin commemorated 9-11 through a community memorial at the Police Headquarters. The Franklin Fire Department Honor Guard were there as part of the ceremony to ring the ceremonial bell in honor of those who made the ultimate sacrifice. This was the 18th anniversary of the 9-11 terror attacks. **A big thank you to the Police and Fire Departments for their leadership in holding this annual commemoration.** It means a great deal to our community.





Michael Walter Young and Jordon Shaw gave a presentation at a regional analytics conference in Nashville. The Summit was created in 2013 by **Nashville Technology Council members**. With 488% growth since inception, the Summit continues to expand as one of Nashville's largest, locally grown tech events in the region. It focuses on fundamental issues in organizations today: how to effectively leverage big data and analytics. This two-day Summit alternates between hands-on workshops and speaker presentations, presented by experts from various industries and backgrounds. Michael and Jordon spoke about "Moving beyond the foundation: Data in Local Government."

This year, the City of Franklin employees will have the opportunity once again to participate in **United Way's Full Tummies, Warm Hearts** campaign. Plastic bins will be placed throughout various departments to collect for our adopted families. All donations need to be ready for pick up by the United Way during the morning of November 15th. If you are able to contribute to this worthy cause, please continue to read below. Vicki Parr in Admin is organizing this effort.

They would like the following for the bins:

1. Gift card in a minimum of \$30.00 with activation receipt attached to help the sponsored family buy perishable items.
2. Green Beans
3. Potatoes (boxed, not fresh)
4. Stuffing Mix
5. Sweet Potatoes/yams (canned)
6. Gravy
7. Cranberry Sauce
8. Other canned vegetables
9. Drinks (tea bags, crystal light, Kool-Aid, etc.) NO 2 LITER BOTTLES
10. Boxed desserts (once we know our family bio, if there is a diabetic, sugar free dessert options are requested).

Some additional suggested items outside of food are:

1. Books, stuffed animals, crayons, etc. for children
2. Small games or movie passes for teens
3. Socks, big print books for elderly
4. Snacks for later in the day
5. Thanksgiving/fall decorations (dish towels, pot holders, etc.) -PLEASE NO CINNAMON BROOMS as a result of allergies
6. Anything age appropriate for your family to liven up your container

If our sponsored family is for a senior citizen, they request:

1. Extra money on the gift card for specialty needs
2. 3 or 4 lb. canned ham
3. Canned chicken or tuna
4. Snacks – popcorn, peanut butter, individual snack pies, snack cakes, etc. (no chocolates)
5. Individual servings of juice (no grapefruit -interacts with some medications)
6. Meals from food aisles that can be prepared in a microwave (not refrigerated or frozen)
7. Progresso soups
8. Cereal
9. Lotion, soap, hand sanitizer, etc.
10. Stamps, prepaid phone cards

Thank you all for your help and time in making this a warm and belly full holiday season for our most vulnerable citizens. If you have any questions or if you would like to help collect items from your department, please give Vicki a call at 615.550.6605

Meet our new City Team members:



Eric Conner, Principal Planner-Planning Department

Eric is from Naperville, Illinois and just moved from Dallas. He enjoys hiking with his dog Leela and playing tabletop games and cheering for his favorite team, the K-State Wildcats. Eric has a Master's degree in Regional & Community Planning. Prior to working for the City, Eric worked for North Central Texas Council of Governments.

Jeffrey Westmoreland, Communications Infrastructure Tech-IT

Jeffrey is from Columbia Tennessee. He enjoys spending time with family, working out, hiking, nature and movies. Jeffrey is engaged and is getting married on November 2nd. Congratulations Jeffrey!!

Steve Craig, Equipment Operator-Sanitation and Environmental Services

Steve is from Columbia and has two children and five grandchildren. Steve enjoys walking, hiking, biking and camping. Prior to joining the City, Steve worked for the City of Columbia. Steve has a Bachelor of Science degree in Occupational Safety and Health.

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 weekend!

Thanks for *all* you do.



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