



Friday, March 17, 2017

After an extensive selection process, I am pleased to announce the appointment of **Mark Hilty as our new Assistant City Administrator for Public Works**. The Assistant City Administrator for Public Works will be responsible for the leadership and management of four key service departments: Streets, Parks, Water Management, and Sanitation and Environmental Services. Mark joined the City of Franklin team in 2006 becoming Water Management Director in 2007. As Water Management Director, Mark has been responsible for planning and directing all Water Management operations and administration, leading a team of 85 staff. Hilty helped lead the development of the City's Integrated Water Management Plan (IWRP) which provided a 30-year "blue print" for the management of all facets of water resources including drinking water, wastewater, reclaimed water, and stormwater. The IWRP focuses on sustainability and stewardship of our natural resources, including extensive modeling regarding the community's impact on the Harpeth River. The plan which is the first of its kind in Tennessee. Hilty has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Connecticut and is a veteran of the U.S. Army infantry. Mark has been an excellent leader for Water Management over the past 10 years and I look forward to his future contributions in leading our Public Works team. Mark and our team share a deep commitment to providing excellent service to our citizens and to planning for the long term needs of our growing, prosperous community. Congrats, Mark!



Thank you to all who donated and gave their time to make our **United Way** fundraiser a great one this year. In total, **we raised over \$1,500** at the luncheon. Congratulations to all of our winners! I would like to thank all of you who gave in some way to the many agencies that do so much for our community.



Cornhole-

1st Place: Andrew White/Shawn Edwards (Water);

2nd Place – Kenny Howell/Carl Scott (Streets)

Ping Pong -

1st Place: Zach Parr (IT);

2nd Place: Mike Stephens (Police)

Darts -

1st Place: Dusty Leeth (Water);

2nd Place: Chad Black (Police)

Last Friday night, the City was again recognized at the **10th annual Sizzle Awards for Williamson County's "Best Park" (Pinkerton Park) and for the "Best Tourist Attraction" (Downtown Franklin and Square).** The awards have been around for 10 years – and the City has won both of these awards for each of the 10 years! Accepting the award for Pinkerton Park are **Dylan Wright and Suzanne Carter** with the Parks Department.

Mayor Moore is proclaiming March 27-31 as "Healthier Tennessee Week" in Franklin. To mark the occasion, he will lead a **"Walk With the Mayor"** on **Wednesday, March 29, at 11:30 a.m.** through downtown Franklin. You can RSVP for the Walk at <https://walkwithmayormarch29.eventbrite.com>. In 2016, Franklin was named a *Healthier Tennessee* pilot community in conjunction with Franklin Tomorrow's Get Fit Franklin project. To learn more about Healthier Tennessee, visit www.healthiertennessee.com for small starts to living a healthier lifestyle

We have two **Thank You notes** for this week.

Attached is a sweet card from BrightStone to **Lt. Steve Raymer, Firefighter-Paramedic Tyler Chatham, Engineer Jason Morgan, and Firefighter Recruit Gaby Sandage** of the **Franklin Fire Department**. The firefighters visited BrightStone on March 10th to teach fire safety to 39 adults who have special needs.

Below is a note from a homeowner to **Allen Lewis, Building Official**, in our **Building and Neighborhood Services**.

Allen, Thank you so much for your advice on the concerns I had with my house. I really appreciate you. – Susan Williams

Let's all welcome new employee, **Ashley Peery**. Ashley is the new **Financial Tech II/Payroll Specialist in our Finance Department**. She is from Nolensville but currently lives in Murfreesboro. Ashley is married and has a daughter and 1 dog. She enjoys spending time with her daughter, going to church and concerts. Prior to coming to the City, Ashley worked for Williamson County Government in Payroll. Ashley attended Brentwood High School and MTSU.

The March 10th issue of the **Nashville Business Journal** ranked the 10 largest cities in the Greater Nashville area by five measures: population growth, housing growth, new corporations, employment growth, and unemployment rate. The **City of Franklin came in at #1**. Nashville ranked #4. Brentwood was #7. The article mentions Williamson County's national rank as the fastest growing county based on the county's percentage increase of 6.7 percent in employment from June 2015 to June 2016. This is more than quadruple the national average. A big thank you to our **Development Services Team** (pictured) for all of the hard work they put into working with developers, both residential and non-residential, to ensure the City's standards are carried out while still providing outstanding customer service.

CPR Training is scheduled for March 30th in the City Hall Training Room from 8:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. If you'd like to register for the class, contact Tim Napier (tim.napier@franklinton.gov, 550-6721) or Chris Edwards (chris.edwards@franklinton.gov, 550-6984).

Our next **Blood Drive** is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 28th**, in the **City Hall Training Room** from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. To make an appointment, you can go to the online scheduling system



at www.redcrossblood.org. In the "Find a Blood Drive" box type in: **FranklinTN19**. If you need help making an appointment or if you have any questions, contact moniquem@franklintn.gov or X6606. *Severe winter weather this month has impacted the Red Cross's blood supply. Please consider donating.*

Happy St. Patrick's Day! Enjoy your weekend and thanks for *all* you do!



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