

Health Fair Flyer is now attached.



Friday, March 24, 2017

This week, I announced the appointment of **Kevin Townsel** as the City of Franklin's **Human Resources Director**. Kevin is a longtime Franklin resident and comes to the City with over 20 years of Human Resources experience. Kevin currently serves as the Vice President of Legal Affairs and Human Resources for DLR Management Company, a national restaurant company with approximately 2,000 employees. He has also worked as an HR executive for Logan's Roadhouse restaurants, Burger King Corporation, and TransCor America. Kevin holds a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana and a Doctor of Jurisprudence from the University of Tennessee College of Law. Kevin's experience plus his dedication to and love of Franklin make him a great fit for

this position. We look forward to having him as part of the City's Leadership Team as we continue to strive to make Franklin an employer of choice. Townsel was recently elected to his second term on the Franklin Special School District Board and currently serves as a board member to My Friend's House. He is also a 2009 graduate of Leadership Franklin. Kevin Townsel begins his new position on March 27th. Join me in welcoming Kevin to our City team!

Also, I would like to offer **BIG thank you to Shirley Harmon Gower** for her extra efforts over the past few months in helping us with this transition. She has served us well. We appreciate her dedication and heart for our City team.

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.

The **2017 Employee Health and Safety Fair** is coming up on **April 13th**. New this year – the event will be held at **Liberty Hall at the Factory**! Lunch will be provided and you can register for vendor and City give-aways throughout the day. Attached is a flyer with more information. We hope to see you there!

The **Parks Department** is finishing up their first **Senior Bingo Series**! Each Tuesday in March, seniors in the community have participated in bingo at the Eastern Flank Event Facility. This first time out, there were **over 100 participants**! Not only were prizes given away, but new friendships were made! The Parks Department will host the second Senior Bingo Series in November.

A new equestrian trail is opening at The Park at Harlinsdale Farm on Monday, March 27th. The trail is open to all horse and stable owners as a self-guided trail throughout the park. The trail features 2.62 miles of standard trail and .33 miles of advanced trail throughout the historic farm, once known as the birth place of the modern Tennessee Walking Horse. Trail and park amenities include trailer parking, tie rails throughout the trail course, rules and information kiosk, and restrooms. The trail will be open for public use on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays from 30 minutes prior to the official sunrise, to 30 minutes after the official sunset. The grand opening event begins at 2:30 p.m. on Monday at the north entrance of the park. Following the grand opening, Friends of



Franklin Parks will be hosting a reception in the Tractor Supply Co. Arena, and the Arena will be open for riders to enjoy. The trail was funded by a Recreation Trails Program grant, which aims to provide trail funding for recreational uses. The City of Franklin Parks Department staff constructed the trail and amenities.

Mayor Moore is proclaiming March 27-31 "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

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 (<u>tim.napier@franklintn.gov</u>, 550-6721) or Chris Edwards (<u>chris.edwards@franklintn.gov</u>, 550-6984).

The **Franklin Fire Department's Song Contest winners** were announced last week at Puckett's Franklin, which sponsored the contest. The winners then performed their winning songs on Facebook Live from the stage. To view their performances, **CLICK HERE**. The contest, which began in October, invited entrants to write and record songs that supported the department's Fire Prevention Month message, "Don't wait, check the date! Replace your smoke alarms every 10 years."

Franklin native Michael Scott is the Song Contest grand prize winner. Scott's award is a mentoring session with 2006 BMI Songwriter of the Year Ed Hill, complete with a catered dinner courtesy of Puckett's/Scout's Pub. You can listen to it HERE. Other award winners were: PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD - The duo of Scales Elementary third grade student Lizzie Park and her guitar teacher Dave Clo won the People's Choice Award with their song, "Change It." Their prize is a Puckett's and Franklin Fire Department gift basket. Listen to their song HERE. YOUTH AWARD - Independence High School Senior Madeline Coles won best song in the youth category. Listen to her song, "Change Your Smoke Alarms," HERE. Her prize is a private pizza party at Franklin Fire Station 8 in the Westhaven community with her friends. HONORABLE MENTION - The "Red Hot Fire Girls," a.k.a. Riley Dial, a 4th grade student at Pearre Creek Elementary, and her music teacher Jessie Smith, received an Honorable Mention for their song, "Don't Wait." You can listen to their song HERE. Their prize is a ride on a Franklin fire truck. Pictured are: Michael Scott, Madeline Coles, Lizzie Park, and Dave Clo.

Enjoy your weekend and thanks for all you do!



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