



Friday, April 7, 2017

The **Pilgrimage Festival** announced their line-up for the festival coming up September 23 & 24 at the Park at Harlinsdale Farm. Justin Timberlake is the headliner with Eddie Vedder from Pearl Jam and several other musicians including Ryan Adams, Fitz & the Tantrums, Mavis Staples, Marty Stuart and many, many more. The organizers held a luncheon at the Factory for the announcement and also thanked their local partners including the City of Franklin Special Events team, Friends of Franklin Parks, and the Parks Department. They awarded each a collage from the 2016 event. This is the third year for the Pilgrimage Festival. They expect to sell out with 25,000 attendees per day. For more information go to www.pilgrimagefestival.com

The **Parks Department** is pleased to announce that two new **Certified Playground Safety Inspectors: Tanner Warf, Parks Maintenance Crew Chief & Darrin Humphrey, Parks Facilities Worker**. Both have successfully completed the course of work to obtain this

important certification. A Certified Playground Safety Inspector (CPSI) has passed the National Playground Safety Institute (NPSI)'s examination and is in good standing with the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA). The American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) and the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) are the safety standards used for this test. NRPA began the Safety Institute examinations in 1991 to promote the latest public playground industry standards and guidelines. The CPSI usually takes the two day NPSI course, which teaches how to use the ASTM 1487 and CPSC guidelines; how to identify playground hazards, how to address age appropriate and site planning concerns and how to establish a playground safety program. This type of safety program would encompass playground maintenance plans, risk management concerns, regular inspections and audits, teaching safety awareness, and maintaining documentation.

Thank you notes! The Fleet Maintenance division received a nice thank you note from the police department. And a resident from Ladd Park called in to brag on one of our Sanitation workers. See below.

Sir,

*Good evening, I wanted to send you this email because I am thankful for one of your technicians. **Tim** recently serviced my Charger car 29. In his inspection, he discovered the control arm and u joints were bad on my patrol car. I wanted to acknowledge his attitude and desire to keep me safe. I have never had a bad experience and always receive excellent service but wanted to acknowledge exemplary work by Tim. Please thank him for me!-**Sergeant Patrick Tippit***

*I know that Ladd Park is one of the hardest subdivision to work trash service in!!!! Today at 2:00pm Eric from 142 Clyde Circle called and wanted to brag up the driver that picked up his trash. He stated that he had overfilled his trash can and he knew he shouldn't have. Some fell out and not only did **Woody Edwards** get out of the truck and pick everything that had spilled over and place it in the trash can, but he went back and re-emptied it. He said he was very impressed with such great service this individual gave. Eric wants the City of Franklin to know, what a great worker we have working for the Sanitation Department. Kindly, **Loreen***

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 giveaways throughout the day. Attached is a flyer with more information. We hope to see you there!

Top Livability rating for Franklin. This week we learned that [Livability.com](http://livability.com) ranked Franklin #15 on the 2017 list of the 100 best places to live. Here is the link to the ratings: <http://livability.com/best-places/top-100-best-places-to-live/2017>

Coming up next week, a Parking Study Public Meeting – 4/10. The public meeting to gather further input regarding the ongoing downtown parking study will be Monday, 4/10, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Training Room.

Enjoy your weekend and thanks for *all* you do!