



*Friday, June 9, 2017*

The City has been through a full credit review by both **Moody's and Standard & Poor's bond rating agencies**. I am proud to report that the City's **triple-A bond rating** from both agencies has been retained. This is great news and ensures again that the City will receive the best available interest rate for the upcoming bond sale. The triple-A bond rating from these two rating agencies affirms the economic strength of our community and the quality of our organization's financial policies and overall management. I want to thank our finance team for their outstanding work in answering questions and providing information to the rating agencies. I especially want to thank **Kristine Tallent, Mike Lowe and Michael Walters Young**. Great work!

**Five Franklin Police Officers** begin wearing **body cams** today as one of three in-the-field testing initiatives. The five officers who volunteered to participate in the testing work a variety of shifts and assignments. Testing will include a series of rigorous equipment performance evaluations in a controlled environment and during the officers' course of duty. Each of the three field testing phases is expected to last about 30 days. Equipment from three different manufacturers is being tested. **Chief Deborah Faulkner** has made maintaining public trust throughout the deployment of police body-worn cameras a top priority. Dash cameras have been used in Franklin Police cars since the early 2000's. Body cameras are simply an extension of that existing program. After scheduled field testing concludes, officials will begin the process of acquiring body-worn cameras for all Franklin Police Officers.

**Fire Station 8 receives LEED Silver certification.** Recently, we received the official certification (attached) that Fire Station 8 has received LEED Silver designation for new construction. Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED), which was established by the non-profit U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC), is one of the most popular sustainable/"green" building programs used worldwide. The LEED program includes a set of rating systems for the design, construction, operation, and maintenance of green buildings, homes, and neighborhoods that aims to help





building owners and operators be environmentally responsible and use resources efficiently. The City's score for Fire Station 8 was six points shy of a Gold certification. Congrats to our project team led by **Brad Wilson and the Franklin Fire Department team** for this achievement.

The **TMA Group's VanStar** regional commuter vanpool program was named a recipient of the **Tennessee Sustainable Transportation Award**; one of eleven statewide honorees. The VanStar program was honored for its sustainable environmental impact. VanStar participants choose an alternative to commuting alone in their personal vehicle to and from work. TMA provides the vehicles, the insurance, covers all maintenance and repair costs, with the monthly commute costs shared by the vanpool riders. From July 1, 2015 – February 28, 2015, 890 VanStar commuters avoided 14,829,341 vehicle miles traveled, 12,104,087 tons of pollution, 11,507,569 lbs. of GHG emissions, and 593,173 gallons of gasoline used. While reducing an estimated 800 single occupant vehicles off our region's corridors, VanStar participants have saved \$3,559,041 in related, personal transportation costs.

Speaking of transportation, **Mayor Moore** took part in a promotional video for an app called **Hytch**. The app allows drivers and riders to connect and carpool to destinations that are nearby. You can see the video here [https://youtu.be/ejqb0mJa\\_Pk](https://youtu.be/ejqb0mJa_Pk)

Below is a **thank you note** for the **Parks Department**.

*Lisa, I'm an umpire with the Franklin Baseball Club and a Franklin resident. I wanted to show my appreciation to the parks staff who worked so diligently on the fields at **Jim Warren Park on Saturday, May 27th**. They went beyond the call of duty to make what were seemingly unplayable fields to playable again. Mother Nature did not cooperate as we ended up cancelling the games at about 7 pm or so. Kudos to your team. Teams from out of town were amazed at the effort of your team.*

*Once again, their dedication made Franklin shine, in very difficult conditions. Please thank them on behalf of the FBC umpire group.*

*Ron*



The visit from the delegation from our newest Sister Cities, Bad Soden am Taunus, Germany was a huge success. The group, including the Mayor Norbert Altenkamp visited The Factory, The Park at Harlinsdale Farm, for a Polo Match with Friends of Franklin Parks and many, many more activities. The visit ended with the official signing of the Sister Cities documents at an event at Easter Flank

Event facility. Bad Soden Mayor Altenkamp said he thought the relationship was important

because of the children and building bridges with people in other countries. Currently a group of Williamson County students are on an exchange trip in Bad Soden.

More than 85 downtown retailers are participating in the **Better Cities for Pets pilot program**. The official launch for the program will be **Friday, June 16 on the square with speeches from Mayor Moore, the CEO of Mars Petcare and Kristy Williams of the DFA**. Mars is installing a pop-up park in the quadrant by Mello Mushroom. There will be pet giveaways, a dog behaviorist, free photo opportunities with your pet and dogs available for adoption from the Williamson County Animal Center. If you cannot adopt, you can volunteer to take a dog for a walk and for every “walk” Mars will donate money to the Animal Center!

The **Franklin Police Department** has been charged with breaking the heart of a little girl, Kylie, in Plainfield Indiana. They committed the crime when they hired our new **Officer Josh Koch**. You see Officer Koch had formed a sweet relationship with one of the students of the local elementary school where he was working as a school resource officer. Their friendship became famous in Plainfield. Read the letter below from the Kylie’s mother.



*My name is Stephanie Moore. I am contacting you in regards to your recent hire, **Josh Koch**. I was able to briefly speak to Josh this evening and I must say he sounds like he is having the time of his life in Franklin. Plainfield suffered a great loss when he decided to follow his heart and head south, but anyone that has been fortunate enough to talk to him since his move knows how much he adores it. He already speaks so highly of everyone that he has met.*

*My reason for writing you isn't to tell you how much he loves it there or how much we miss him. I wanted to share with you how our family came to meet Officer*

*Koch. Our family lives across the street from Central Elementary School in Plainfield Indiana. Everyday my four year old daughter, Kylie and myself walked my kindergartener, Natalie to and from school. Since Josh was the School Resource Officer we walked by him twice a day. This is the part where I mention that Kylie is extremely shy. Each day Josh smiled, waved and greeted us as we walked by his car parked on the corner of Wabash and Walnut. Eventually Kylie started to smile back. Those smiles turned into waves, followed by hugs. Our little girl finally started to speak to an outsider. Josh was breaking away our little girls shell layer by layer. Around Christmas time just two months after we first met Josh, he gave Kylie a teddy bear as a gentle act of kindness. We had no idea how important that teddy*



*bear or Josh would be to us. Since the day that bear made its way into Kylie's arms, Kylie made her way into Josh's heart. That bear is a trademark of our family. He goes everywhere and we often document his big adventures!*

*When I sit here and try to tell you how important that officer is to that little girl, I CAN'T even begin to explain it. Words just do not do it justice. During Pre-K, Kylie had a special Teddy Bear Parade and Picnic (seems fitting, right?) and she was allowed to invite one special guest. If you guessed Josh was her special guest you would be right. (Not even her own mother could attend...!) Although, I was able to watch through the window, Officer Koch was front and center and made that little girl's day! They quickly became the talk of our town when pictures went public of the two of them at the Teddy Bear Picnic Parade. The icing on that cake might have been that her wagon she made HAD TO look exactly like Josh's car. Plainfield Police Department posted the picture of the two of them and they became "hometown celebrities", well that's how Kylie saw it anyways. Our town started to see how much the two of them meant to each other.*

*Fast forward almost two years to present day...*

*The following Monday after Kylie heard the news that the Koch's were leaving; her school was hosting a Kindy 500 race. Being from Indiana we take racing very seriously. So serious that the kids make their own racecars out of boxes and race around a track for a very prestigious trophy Kylie's teacher knew how much Josh meant to her and asked if he would come and play a game with the kids before the big event started. Josh could spend over an hour playing red light green light with his favorite little girl. If you were to guess who the last car to receive a citation was and you guessed Kylie, once again you would be right. And well, it had nothing to do with the fact that her car was sponsored by Dunkin Donuts. The cute little girl racing that Dunkin Donuts car won more than a trophy that day. She won yet another immense memory in Officer Koch's heart. This day gave her joy again and started to mend the broken heart.*

*After we broke the news to Kylie that Josh was leaving she broke down and went into serious downheartedness. Yes, at the age of 6. Her heart was devastated. She refused to speak to anyone, wouldn't eat, grim HEART-ACHE! The only thing that gave her hope was a few more weeks of being able to wrap her arms around him on Sundays and their secret date to Chuck E Cheese-(which is still pending.) I asked Josh how he was going to explain to his new department that he left his little girl in Indiana and only brought his boys to Franklin for this new adventure. That was a thought that I know had crossed his mind before, and he hadn't thought of an explanation other than try to convince us that Franklin Tennessee is calling our names haha.*

*I wanted to personally thank you for allowing Josh to follow God's plan for him and his family. Although we will miss them dearly, The Koch family has so much love to share. Prepare the City of Franklin to be swept off of their feet. Thank you for taking the time to read this. I cannot wait to hear how God uses Josh in Franklin.*

*Please enjoying the pictures I have attached of the officer that captured my little girl's heart. This is the story of An Officer and a Little Girl. Sincerely, Stephanie Moore*

Thanks for *all* you do!



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