



Friday, July 28, 2017

Last Friday, **Governor Bill Haslam** stopped by City Hall to **present a \$1 million check to the City of Franklin**. This is grant money awarded to us to assist in funding a **multi-use trail from Boyd Mill Avenue to 5th Avenue along New Highway 96 West**. Last year, we were awarded an \$800,000 grant for the first phase of this project – the trail from Vera Valley Dr. to Boyd Mill Avenue. The total length of this project will be 1.3 miles. Thank you and Congratulations to **Gupta Borra, Engineering Department**, for the hard work he put into writing both of these grants!

Our next **Blood Drive** is scheduled for **Wednesday, August 9th**, 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@franklinton.gov or X6606. *The Red Cross is currently experiencing a critical blood shortage.* Please donate if you can.

REMINDER: Our **second annual City of Franklin Lip Sync Battle is coming soon!** The date has been set for **August 23** so start working on your performance! More information will be coming in the next few weeks! See the information sheets attached.

Several of our employees attended the **State of the County Address** delivered by **County Mayor Rogers Anderson** on Wednesday at a luncheon sponsored by Williamson, Inc. Highlights of the presentation included the planning of a new Animal Center; a special referendum being held this fall to give voters a chance to approve a 0.5 percent increase to the sales tax which will be dedicated to Williamson County Schools; and the creation of a Williamson County Sports Authority which will work to further develop sports facilities in Williamson County.

The **Williamson County Fair** kicks off on next Friday – **August 4th**. This year’s theme is *Country Pride County Wide*. **Government Employee Day** is **August 5th**. If you haven’t received your tickets yet, check with your supervisor or our Human Resources Department. You can find the schedule of events on the website at www.williamsoncountyfair.org.

This week, I kicked off our first **Facebook Live series – “The Top 3 Things You Should Know.”** I’ll discuss, well, the top 3 things you should know for the week, as well as take questions. All LIVE from the City’s Facebook page



(www.facebook.com/cityoffranklin). We’ll do this every **Mondays at 11 a.m.** Our first “episode” was a success, generating over 2,200 views. Be sure to catch it if you can. You



can see this week's episode here:

<https://www.facebook.com/CityOfFranklin/videos/10159100222770344/>

Yesterday, **Ramsey Solutions**, held the **groundbreaking for their new headquarters in Berry Farms**. The entire Ramsey Solutions team of over 600 employees attended the event, which they lovingly referred called "work Bonnaroo." Dave Ramsey told the story of the company's humble beginning to what is now a worldwide network. Ramsey Solutions will be beginning the construction of a 200,000 square foot office building that will be the start of a multiple building campus/headquarters in our city's southernmost area. Ramsey Solutions is an existing local business that is investing and growing here in Franklin. A big thank you to **Assistant City Administrator Vernon Gerth and our entire development team** that has worked diligently with Ramsey Solutions to get this project up and going.

The Parks Department had an incredibly successful **Kids Water Day** on Wednesday. They estimate between 1,000 – 2,000 people at Pinkerton Park for this fun



event. There were four BIG water slides and two EPIC water balloon fights that saw over 2,800 water balloons unleashed. Sure hate I missed that!

Thanks for *all* you do!

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