



*Friday, September 1, 2017*

Our **Fire Department Swift Water Response team** is in Texas now. They left Franklin and Nashville on Wednesday afternoon with teams from **Williamson County Sheriff's Department and Brentwood Fire Department**. Special thanks and prayers to our team: **Deputy Chief Glenn Johnson, Deputy Chief Todd Horton, Captain Greg Wild, Lt. Matt Stout, Firefighter Rob Thomas, Firefighter/Paramedic Joe Burwell, Firefighter/Paramedic Dustin Anderson, Firefighter Todd Wilson and Lt. Kirk**



**McGee.** On Thursday afternoon, the team departed for Wharton County, they had been up for approximately 36 hours and were to get some sleep before they get to work today. A large group is heading to Fort Bend, Texas where we are told the river crested last night. Please keep our team in your prayers! Stay tuned to the City Facebook page

[www.facebook.com/cityoffranklin](http://www.facebook.com/cityoffranklin) for updates including video from our team throughout the week!

Many folks have asked **how they can help the citizens of Houston** after this devastating flood. Below are a few options to choose from:

**Williamson County Schools and Franklin Special School District** announced yesterday the **"Tennessee Volunteers for Texas"** campaign to provide back to school supplies for the Houston Independent School District (HISD) schools affected by Hurricane Harvey. The

district has posted a need for school supplies on their website. The Tennessee Organization of School Superintendents (TOSS) issued a state-wide challenge to other school districts to show their likeminded volunteer spirit. Only new, unpackaged supplies are being accepted at the W. C. Ag Expo Park (4215 Long Lane, Franklin, TN), as follows:

- 1) Backpacks
- 2) Standard and College Ruled Paper
- 3) Crayons
- 4) #2 Pencils
- 5) Scissors
- 6) Glue

Donation dates and times include:

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., September 2;

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., September 3; and,

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., September 4 thru September 9.

Those wishing to donate money instead of supplies, may do so through the Community Foundation website, [www.cfmt.org/williamson-gives](http://www.cfmt.org/williamson-gives).

Other organizations that are assisting victims of Hurricane Harvey are the [American Red Cross](#), [Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund](#), [Global Giving](#), the [Salvation Army](#) the [American Humane Association](#) for pets! Please note that these are not endorsements of a specific charity. If you would like to explore other options, there are many other charities which would welcome your support. Also, be wary of personal solicitations and make sure that gifts made by checks or credit cards are secure. Be sure to check out any charitable organization through [Charity Navigator](#).

The **African American Heritage Society of Williamson County** is hosting **Kevin Greene, the great-great grandson of Frederick Douglass** to share his story and legacy at the **First Missionary Baptist Church** today at 11:00 a.m. The church is located at 113 Natchez Street in Franklin.

**Franklin Special School District and the City of Franklin** invites teachers, parents, parks users, and others to attend an interactive public input meeting on **Tuesday, September 5, 2017**. The open house will be from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on September 5, 2017 in the **Freedom Middle School Lobby, located at 750 New Highway 96 West, Franklin, Tenn. 37064**. Participants can drop by anytime from 5:00-7:00 p.m. to share feedback on preliminary concept plans for recreational improvements at Freedom Middle School/Poplar Grove, Freedom Intermediate School and Johnson Elementary School. This feedback can also include needs for how the proposed improvements should be phased.

**Tourism numbers for 2016.** This week, the Department of Tourism released the 2016 economic impact numbers for counties across the state. Williamson County continued its holds on the number six ranking statewide with an economic impact of \$427.25 million, a 4% increase over 2015.

**REMINDER:** Our **second annual City of Franklin Lip Sync Battle has a new date!** The date has been set for **September 27** so start working on your performance! See the information sheets attached. **NEW INFORMATION-GROUP TEAM WINS LUNCH FOR ENTIRE DEPARTMENT and the INDIVIDUAL PRIZE IS A \$50.00 gift card.** This year, we are going to add a new wrinkle to the lip sync event. **Yours truly (Eric Stuckey) will perform a lip sync to a song based on your vote. Your vote is through a contribution to United Way, \$1 = one vote. The four songs to vote on are:**

1. **Let it Go - Frozen soundtrack**
2. **Stayin Alive - The Bee Gees**
3. **Ice, Ice Baby - Vanilla Ice**
4. **Party in the USA - Miley Cyrus**

**Keep an eye out in your department for your opportunity to vote (early and often!).**

Mark your calendars! **Flu shot clinics** will be **October 18<sup>th</sup>** and **November 13<sup>th</sup>**. This year will be a **four strain shot**, which is better and more effective than the three strain. More information to come regarding times and location.

Enjoy the Labor Day Holiday. Thanks for *all* you do!

